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(James)
WICKS, Alastair /Major/

DOB: 17 November 1917

POB: England

Citizenship: Rhodesian

Jul 66 Address: 38 Montague Square
London W 1

Mar 67 Address: 199 Bickenhall
Mansions
London W 1
(listed under Janis Morris)

Mercenary in Katanga gendarme, 1961

Former RAS (Rhodesian Air Services) official

Recruiter of South Rhodesian mercenaries for Tshombe forces - 1964

2nd in Command to Mike HOARE in 5 CDO
Left Leopoldville Dec 1965 at termination of mercenary contract for Johannesburg.

One of mercenaries involved in July '66 plot to overthrow MOBUTU (although still in the pay of MOBUTU)

Also, tried to involve Michael HOARE in the plot. He offered HOARE 20,000 £ for 6 month contract and rank of full Colonel.

Recruiting Officer in South Africa for Tshombe's forces..'66

Unwitting SMOTH contact - 1966

Went to London in October 1966

Unscrupulous and undependable

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WICKS, Alastair

PRET 2818 (IN 31010) 30 Sep 1963 — Early Aug Subject came from Salisbury with msgs for PUREN from Pierre LAUREYS and Jack Malloch (of Rhodesian Air Services). LAUREYS was arranging for Malloch to fly out arms and ammo to Royalists in Yemen. Malloch was to get contract to fly arms from Europe to Yemen also. PUREN was to proceed w/plane via Salisbury to Yemen as official observer for South African Defense HQS.

AHS 1016 CS DB 312/641-64 18 Sep 1964 — Alastair WICKS, former RAS official, returned to Salisbury to begin the recruitment of Southern Rhodesians for service as mercenaries with TSCHOMBE's forces in the Congo. In newspaper ad calling for recruits, interested parties were requested to call Salisbury 55715, which is the number listed for WICKS in S. Rhodesian telephone directory.

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KINSHASA 0864 (IN 17389) 9 Mar 1967 — HOARE stated he going London about 12 March to check on Yemen deal. HOARE had previously received letter from Alastair WICKS in London offering him job with good pay and conditions. He believes this job concerns Yemen.

AZPA 2201 16 Mar 67 — Attached a letter from WICKS to HOARE, indicating WICKS unable to develop proposition further. HOARE estimates that the WICKS proposition relates to recruitment of mercenaries for service in Yemen. His only basis for this is development reported in AZPA 2200.

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TO: Chief, Africa Division

INFO.:

FROM: Chief of Station, PRETORIA

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL/SECAROB -- Letter re Mercenary Affairs

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: AZPT - 2258, 4 March 1970

1. Forwarded herewith is the substance of the latest letter received by SECAROB/1 from subject of 201 - 801702 re mercenary affairs and Zanzibar.

2. During ref trip, PHILBROOK will discuss this letter with SECAROB/1 for further clarification and forward the results to Headquarters.

Kenneth H. PHILBROOK

Attachment h/w
letter

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We are still held up in one business and I have had to call in my own supplies to give an estimate as the previous one, who was virtually unknown to me, did not seem to understand the importance of security in the industrial field today. This in fact should suit us better as I am sure I can do a better deal for us with our own man.

I have had to put off my departure for one week as a result of this as it was important to keep my fingers on the pulse at this moment. I have a meeting with the partners tomorrow when I hope to get things moving and a firm proposal sent to bankers.

I mentioned to the partners that you had some novel ideas to solve the delivery problem and in view of the possible extra cost, they have asked me to get an outline from you as to what your ideas are, both from the point of view of additional expense which, if adopted, would need to be included in the budget and also to give some added encouragement since this particular problem comes up again and again and so far I have refused to be drawn on the subject though you know my first ideas. I think a letter to the Club Nautico will reach me safely though it would obviously be inadvisable to mention the Spice Islands.

I hear there is much afoot in your part of the world and both Brazzaville and the Sudan have been mentioned, also another operation. I hope you will not return to that sort of thing -- at least until we have fully explored the possibilities of the new company.

(dated 25 February 1970)

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For WICKES 201   3P

REFS: A. LAGOS 9510 (IN 38143)
B. LONDON 3161 (IN 39172)

1. FOLLOWING HQS TRACES ON ALASTAIR WICKES PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JAMES ALASTAER EDMOND WICKS. WAS MERCENARY IN KATANGA GENDARME, 1961. IN JULY 1964, RETURNED TO CONGO AS SECOND IN COMMAND TO MICHAEL HOARE'S WHITE MERCENARY GROUP. WAS LOCAL MERCENARY RECRUITED FOR TSHOMBE IN SALISBURY. MAJOR IN HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT OF 5TH COMMANDO IN CONGO FEBRUARY 1965. RESIGNED FROM 5TH COMMANDO IN DECEMBER 1965, WENT TO JOHANNESBURG ACTING AS MERCENARY RECRUITING OFFICER IN SOUTH AFRICA. WAS ONE OF THE MERCENARIES INVOLVED IN JULY 1966 PLOT TO OVERTHROW MOBUTU BY FORMER CONGOLESE PRIME MINISTER MOISE TSHOMBE INVOLVING THE 5TH COMMANDO MERCENARIES. IN JULY 1967 WICKS REPRESENTED JACK MALLOCH'S AIR TRANS AFRICA IN LONDON. FUNCTION IN LONDON DESCRIBED AS LIAISON WITH AUTAIR OF LONDON AND TO ARRANGE MERCENARY FLIGHT TO CONGO. HOWEVER, THESE OPS HAVE VIRTUALLY CEASED. AUGUST 1967 WICKS INVOLVED IN MERCENARY PLANS TO OVERTHROW CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT. WAS IN LISBON,

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NEGOTIATING WITH PORTUGUESE ABOUT SENDING ASSISTANCE TO DISSIDENT MERCENARY MAJOR JEAN SCHRAMME.

2. MAVICAR JOHN MALLOCH PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JACK MALLOCH, FORMER PILOT IN KATANGA AIR FORCE. IS NOW HEAD OF AIR TRANS AFRICA IN RHODESIA. COMPANY HAS BEEN IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE SINCE 1966. IN ORDER TO KEEP IN BUSINESS, IT APPEARS MALLOCH HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO ACCEPT CONTRACTS WHICH ARE OBVIOUSLY ILLEGAL. IN AUGUST 1967 HE OPERATED TWO CONSTELLATIONS AND A DC-4, LAST MENTIONED USED ON FREIGHT SERVICES FROM LUANDA, ANGOLA, AND LISBON, AND ON OPERATIONS FROM SAO TOME TO BIAFRA [redacted]. IN LATE AUGUST, MALLOCH FLEW 39 BELGIAN AND FRENCH MERCENARIES INTO PUNIA VIA LUANDA IN A DC-6. HAD AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR THE AIRLIFT ONE DC-7, TWO DC-4'S, AND ONE DC-3. WAS WORKING WITH ALASTAIR WICKS IN THE MERCENARY PLANS TO OVERTHROW THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT. JOHN PETERS ATTEMPTED TO TIE HIS EFFORT WITH THAT OF WICKS AND MALLOCH, AND THEY [redacted] TENTATIVELY AGREED TO A PLAN TO FLY REINFORCEMENTS TO SCHRAMME TO SERCRAF PLANTATION AT UVIRA. NO INFORMATION ON EITHER WICKS OR MALLOCH IN FILE AFTER AUGUST 1967, ALTHOUGH WELL KNOWN THEY CONTINUE ASSOCIATION WITH BIAFRAN AIRLIFT.

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3. NO HEADQUARTERS TRACES ON ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS CITED REF A. ABOVE CAN BE PASSED KRHOLLY/4.

4. FOR LONDON: HEADQUARTERS HAS NO INFORMATION WALLERSTEINER; PLEASE FORWARD LAGOS YOUR TRACES.

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FORMER MERCENARY MAJOR WHO IS STILL IN LISBON, NEGOTIATING WITH PORTUGUESE ABOUT SENDING ASSISTANCE TO DISSIDENT MERCENARY MAJOR JEAN SCHRAMME.

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RE SUMMARY OF TWO PLANS FOR OVERTHROW OF CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT.

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ACCORDING BRICK/1, WHO OBTAINED INFO FROM CAPT. O'DONOVAN, OPS MANAGER OF CENTRAL AFRICAN AIRWAYS, WICKS. WICKS REPRESENTS AIR TRANS AFRICA IN LONDON, WAS THERE ON 12 JULY, AND NO INDICATION HE SUBSEQUENTLY LEFT LONDON. FUNCTION IN LONDON DESCRIBED AS LIAISON WITH AUTAIR OF LONDON AND TO ARRANGE MERCENARY FLIGHT TO CONGO. HOWEVER, THESE OPERATIONS HAVE "VIRTUALLY CEASED" AND AIR TRANS AFRICA NOW APPEARS TO RELY SOLELY ON AIRLIFTING PETROL FROM FRANCISTOWN, BOTSWAN TO LIVINGSTON, ZAMBIA USING COMPANY'S TWO FRANCISTOWN-REGISTERED DC-4'S.

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TO SALISBURY INFO BRUSSELS KINSHASA PRETORIA LONDON

REF: PRETORIA 5205 5018 (IN 16565)

1. BRUSSELS 9749 (NOT SENT SALISBURY) REPORTS JOHN R. LATZ CAME BRUSSELS NINE MONTHS AGO AND CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS SALES INSPECTOR BY ETS FOURCROY SA, 119 RUE STEYLS, BRUSSELS, A WHOLESALE LIQUOR DISTRIBUTOR.

2. WIGEAR LAST SAW LATZ CIRCA 10 JUNE. SAYS LATZ LEFT KINSHASA CIRCA AUGUST 66 (LNGOLD TRAFFIC AT TIME CONFIRMS THIS) PASSED THROUGH BRUSSELS ON WAY VISIT FAMILY LONDON; THEN VISITED BROTHER COTE D'AZUR FRANCE. LATZ SETTLED BRUSSELS FALL 66 WITH FOURCROY AND HAS NOT TRAVELED AFRICA SINCE.

3. WIGEAR NOTED LATZ MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH ALASTAIR WICKES, WHO WIGEAR BELIEVES STILL EMPLOYED BY RHODESIAN AIRLINES AND TRAVELS SALISBURY-LONDON. DOES SALISBURY HAVE ANY INFO WICKES' ACTIVITIES?

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1. ON 3 MARCH 1967 SECAROB/1 HAD MEETING WITH HASLANGER AND REPORTED FOLLOWING ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH WISTATIC/1.

A. SECAROB/1 TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET WISTATIC/1 TO FOCUS ON WHAT GDRC WAS GOING TO GIVE HIM FOR PHASING OUT THE 5 COMMANDO AND FOR RECRUITING NEW MEN IN ENGLAND. BASED ON WISTATIC/1'S ATTITUDE THAT SECAROB/1 WAS SOMETHING OF A CAD FOR BRINGING UP MONEY MATTERS, SECAROB/1 TOLD WISTATIC/1 HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PHASING OUT 5 COMMANDO UNLESS THIS FOLLOWED UP WITH RECRUITMENT OF 400 MEN FROM ENGLAND WITH EVENTUAL EXPANSION THIS FORCE TO 800 MEN, MOST OF WHOM WOULD BE ARTISANS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN; AND FINALLY SECAROB/1 TO BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP TOURISM INTHE EASTERN CONGO. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION SECAROB/1 STATED THAT HE NOW HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT BEING AX MAN FOR THE 5 COMMANDO BECAUSE HE HAS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE GDRC WILL PERMIT HIM TO CARRY OUT THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM.

B. TO SECAROB/1'S SUGGESTION @ WISTATIC/1 THAT MOBUTU OUT IN LNHARP ON THE PHASE-OUT OF THE 5 COMMANDO DUE TO THE WITHRUSH POSITION IN ALBERTVILLE, WISTATIC/1 REPLIED "WE [illegible], ARE YOU? WE DON'T LIKE THEM" (ASSUME WISTATIC'S "WE" REFERS TO HIMSELF AND DELPERDANGE.)

C. SECAROB/1 ADVISED WISTATIC/1 THAT PETERS COULD BE A DIFFICULT MAN TO HANDLE IF DISBANDMENT OF 5 COMMANDO NOT PROPERLY HANDLED. WISTATIC/1 SAID HE SAW NO DIFFICULTIES HERE. (SECAROB/1 LATER STATED HE DID NOT FEAR PETERS BECAUSE THE LATTER STILL HAD A SERGEANT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, SECAROB/1. HASLANGER CAUTIONED SECAROB/1 AGAINST TAKING PETERS TOO LIGHTLY.)

D. WISTATIC/1 COMPLAINED TO SECAROB/1 ABOUT SECAROB/1 NOT HAVING GIVEN HIM A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BACK IN SEPTEMBER 1966. WISTATIC/1 SAID HE HAD INTENDED USE LETTER ALONG WITH OTHERS TO PREVENT HIS REMOVAL AND THAT OF GENERAL DELPERDANGE FROM THE CONGO BY THE BELGIAN ARMY. SECAROB/1 CONCLUDED HIS DISCUSSION OF WISTATIC/1 WITH THE COMMENT THAT WISTATIC/1 KNOWS THE CONGO AS FEW MEN DO AND THAT HE IS A SENSITIVE MAN WITHOUT COURAGE.

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2. CONCERNING THE OAU MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, SECAROB/1 EMPHASIZED THAT MOBUTU TOLD HIM THAT IT HIS INTENTION TO GET PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF OAU TRANSFERRED TO THE CONGO. FURTHER THE GDRC WISHES TO BE A STRONG MILITARY POWER IN CENTRAL AFRICA. WITH THIS COMBINATION MOBUTU HOPES THAT THE GDRC WILL BE THE LEADING POWER IN CENTRAL AFRICA AND POSSIBLY IN ALL OF AFRICA.

3. WHILE CONFIRMING HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISBAND THE 5 COMMANDO IF LNHARP WANTS HIM TO DO SO, SECAROB/1 EMOTIONALLY TOLD HASLANGER THAT HE HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR LNHARP AND WOTACT; HE WAS OUR MAN AND WOULD BE EVER LOYAL TO LNHARP WHICH HE BELIEVES MUST EXERCISE MORE INFLUENCE IN AFRICA; LNHARP HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAIR TO HIM; AND THAT WITHOUT WOFACT THE 5 COMMANDO COULD NEVER HAVE DONE ITS JOB. PRIOR TO LEAVING HASLANGER'S HOME SECAROB/1 LEARNED THAT HASLANGER MIGHT BE LEAVING THE CONGO AROUND AUGUST 1967. SECAROB/1 STATED THAT IF GUTHMAN AND HASLANGER WERE TO LEAVE THE CONGO HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TAKE ON HIS NEW JOB SINCE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO HIM AND WERE IMPORTANT IN IMPLEMENTING HIS NEW PROGRAM. SECRET

4. FINALLY SECAROB/1 STATED THAT HE GOING LONDON ABOUT 12 MARCH TO CHECK ON THE YEMEN DEAL. HE SUGGESTED LNHARP MIGHT WANT HIM TO GO TO YEMEN AND THAT HE WOULD DO SO IF LNHARP DESIRED IT. HE NOT ENCOURAGED BUT TOLD TO REPORT FULL INFO THIS SUBJECT. (SECAROB/1 HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ALASTAIRE WICKES IN LONDON. LETTER STATED THAT JOB AVAILABLE WITH GOOD PAY AND CONDITIONS. SECAROB/1 BELIEVES JOB CONCERNS YEMEN. HE KNOWS THAT (FNU) STERLING, OF LONG RANGE DESERT GROUP FAME, HAS LARGE GROUP OF MERCENARISB IN YEMEN.)

5. INSTRUCTED SECAROB/1 TO CHECK WITH PRETORIA ON HIS RETURN SOUTH AFRICA 4 MARCH. SECRET

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TO LONDON PRETORIA KINSHASA

WIQUIT

REFERENCE A. KINSHASA 9412 (IN 55542)

B. SALISBURY 2305 (IN 59641)

1. HQS NOTES THAT NAME ALASTAIR WICKS HAS NOT APPEARED IN RECENT SECAROB/1 REPORTING OF WIQUIT/1 PLOTTING. DURING SUMMER PLOTTING WICKS ALLEGEDLY ONE OF PRINCIPALS INVOLVED. REFERENCE B, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT WICKS CONTINUES BE INVOLVED IN WIQUIT PLOTTING. WOULD APPRECIATE PRETORIA STATION DEBRIEF SECAROB/1 AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON WICKS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES.

2. HQS HAS ALSO NOTED THE ABSENC[illegible] ANY SMOTH REPORTING TO WOFACT ON THE MACHINATIONS OF WIQUIT/1 GROUP. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR LONDON STATION TAKE THIS UP WITH SMOTH AND SOLICIT THEIR ASSISTANCE IN MONITORING ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS OF PETERS, WICKS, AND POSSIBLY JOHN TERRENCE PEET, SUBJECT

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE KINSHASA STATION POUCH DETAILED DEBRIEFING REPORT PEET TRIP AND HIS CONTACTS WITH WIQUIT/1 GROUP. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PRETORIA STATION POUCH DETAILED REPORT OF SECAROB/1 RECENT TRIP.

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SECAROB/1 SAW SUBJ SEVERAL TIMES DURING HIS LONDON VISIT NOW OFF PAYROLL AND LIVING AT 199 BICKENHALL ST, LONDON, W. 1 TEL HUN 1729. SECAROB/1 DOES NOT HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR SUBJ MILITARY CAPABILITY.

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FROM: Chief Africa Division

MICROFILM

SUBJECT: Handwriting Analysis - Alastair WICKS

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: AZPA - 2084, 9 August 1966

Action Required: For Your Information

The letter forwarded via reference was submitted to WOACRE for handwriting analysis. The results are forwarded herewith for your information.

Jerry O. MEDLISH

Attachment:
As stated above

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SECRET 190837Z CITE PRETORIA 5118

19 Oct 66 26824

KINSHASA INFO DIRECTOR

SECAROB

REF: PRETORIA 5111 (IN 17694)

RE REF WICKS TOLD SECAROB/1 HE RETURNING LONDON IN THREE DAYS. ALSO REPEATED RUMOR HEARD IN SALISBURY THAT UNIDENTIFIED AMERICANS RECRUITING MERCENARIES IN SALISBURY FOR PURPOSES OF COUP TO REPLACE MOBUTU WITH BOBOZO.

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TSD/BAB MEMO #226-66

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, AF/5

ATTENTION : Mr. Earl R. Myrick

SUBJECT : Handwriting Analysis - Alastair Wicks

REFERENCE : AF/5 memo dated 29 Aug. 1966

1. Attached herewith is the handwriting assessment report on subject as requested by reference. The report was prepared by Mrs. Thea Hall of this office. Any comments or criticism would be appreciated.

2. The data supplied is insufficient for further psychological assessment. If contact reports and personal observations of subject's manner and behavior become available, we could produce a more precise assessment oriented to subject's performance in intelligence activities.

William C. Goswood

William C. GOSWOOD (P)
Chief, TSD/BAB

Attachments:
Report &
h.w. sample

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Handwriting Assessment Report

Alastair Wicks AF

The writer seems to be a very clever individual of a high intellectual level who handles his affairs in a independent manner. Endowed with a good intelligence, he is well educated and cultured. He has not only absorbed but, also, assimilated the material he has read and studied and utilizes it in a purposeful fashion. His thinking is clear, logical and versatile. His intellectual faculties are well trained and differentiated, and, to a large extent, they support his practical talents and interests constructively. He discards superfluous matters, and, whenever possible, he deals with only the vital points in a problem or a situation. He possesses impressive mental agility with well developed analyzing and synthesizing faculties. He is quite intuitive and senses instinctively the implications of happenings around him.

He is an alert and astute observer of small details which he relates correctly to their larger aspects. Being quite resourceful, he combines imagination with sober matter-of-factness. He follows prescribed rules and regulations when absolutely necessary and, whenever possible, exercises his mental independence. He forms his own opinion and judgment and keeps his own counsel in making decisions. He may accept somebody else's suggestions that he considers suitable for his purposes but he is not actually influenced by others. At times, he may deliberately make somebody feel as if he is seeking his advice and following it, but, in reality, he does what he considers best. He is very critical and evaluates by high standards. He can be very outspoken in his criticism or he can cautiously withhold it depending on his appraisal of the circumstances. His interests cover small items of information to large size projects and operations. While he notices everything that is going on, he can concentrate on his work. When required, he can switch quickly from one task to another. His memory functions well and he can reproduce facts easily.

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The writer has administrative ability on a supervisory level. Within a military setup, he could take orders as well as issue them, although he prefers the latter. He can be systematic and methodical in his approach. He can work out a blueprint of an intricate undertaking and supervise its proper execution. He will quickly and easily adapt to fluctuations in a situation and change his tactics accordingly.

He is skillful in manipulating numbers, and he can think in large terms and transactions. Apparently, he is quite interested in money, and he seems to know how to get the best possible advantage out of a financial transaction.

He possesses great facility in expressing himself orally and in writing. He can make his points palatable and can be quite convincing in his arguments. Also, he can formulate his ideas and purposes in different ways, depending on with whom he is dealing. He should have talent for learning foreign languages. He is a gifted person who will exploit his talents in line with the demands that are put before him. He also seems to have physical training and skills. He has a natural feeling for form, sound and color. He probably has developed artistic appreciation and may have an artistic hobby, possibly music.

Emotionally, the writer is complex but fairly well balanced. Innately impressionable and sensitive, he has hardened himself in the course of his life in order to be less vulnerable. He has his feelings and impulses under fairly good control and avoids being carried away by them. In his private life, though, he may tend to be somewhat excitable and irritable. He is self-centered and most interested in his personal advantage. This is a trait that he tries to cover up by being smooth and pleasing in his dealings with people. He possesses natural psychological understanding and can be very diplomatic. He manages to appear outgoing and social while basically he is quite reserved and detached. He seems to avoid emotional involvements in order to preserve his objectivity.

His appearance is poised and sophisticated, and he knows how to handle himself under different conditions. Being an independent and sophisticated individual, he has developed his own philosophy and code of ethics by which he lives. He does not seem to have any qualms about doing things that would not be conventionally acceptable. He is very broad-minded about himself and others, and he detests pettyness, even in wrong-doing. The purpose justifies the means for him as long as the transaction takes place on a large scale. He is most skillful in practicing various types of deception and he is quite adroit in manipulating people and situations. He is very active and could have "his fingers in a number of pies." He is emotionally somewhat strained, but he has sifficient stamina to support his general functioning.

The writer is apparently an unusually talented person who could function in different types of positions. He could be a military officer, a business executive, a politician, an intelligence agent or he could be a diplomat. He would not be suitable for any kind of routine work, but he is well qualified for mentally challenging assignments--the more challenging the better. He is a diligent worker who is somewhat vain in showing off his competence. He likes to demonstrate how successfully he can carry out a complicated and delicate job. When he is willing to accept an assignment, one can expect a high quality of work performance, but anybody who would expect loyalty from him would probably be disappointed.

TSH/sf
October 3, 1966

He [illegible] tion of [illegible] dissemin[illegible] coordination with [illegible].

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29 August 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Technical Services Division
Behavioral Activities Branch

SUBJECT : Request for Psychological Assessment

1. Attached is a photographic copy of a letter which is being submitted to your office for analysis of the handwriting and possible psychological assessment of the writer. Unfortunately, the original of this letter is not available. Hopefully the quality of the attached copy will be adequate for your purposes.

2. If any further information is required, please contact Earle R. Myrick, Africa/5, Room 7c18, extension 5032.

Michael S. Thompson
Acting Chief, Africa/5

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L AZPA - 2084

38 Montagu Square
London W.1.
3. July 66.

Dear Willie.

I know you will have been wondering what is going on, but up to now I have not been able to say much. Briefly the story is as follows. After our talk, which confirmed my own feelings, I returned to Salisbury where in effect I said no dice with J.P. They accepted this and I suggested you for the job. I pointed out to them that quite apart from the known disparity in ability, the fact that your loyalty was known to be 100% must be worth everything in a business of this nature and that in terms of L.S.D. you were obviously worth twice as much as J.P. They said they would consider the matter. I was then told that it had been decided to get rid of J.P. one way or another and that they would like to bring you in. I told them I was very pleased but that any negotiations must be done with you direct. Finally, at a last meeting it was decided to do much more ground work — what I had been demanding from the start — and that there would be a standstill for about 2 weeks. I thereupon informed them

that I would return home here as (a) I wanted to see the family and (b) I thought it was better than hanging about. I have now had a message to say there will be a delay of 2 to 3 months but that it is still definitely on. In the meantime I am to remain on full salary -- to which I have no objection!

Please write to me in general terms as to whether you continue to be interested and whether you approve of the line taken re yourself. It is of course possible that you may have been contacted direct in which case I would be interested to know.

Please accept my thanks to you and Phyllis for a most enjoyable stay — I do hope we didn't really keep you awake so late.

Nan sends her love to you both and hopes to see you again one of these days.

Yours, [illegible]

P.S. What news the book? Can I hammer your publishers for you?!

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S E C R E T 111555Z CITE LONDON 5105

PRIORITY DIRECTOR, KINSHASA, PRETORIA INFO [redacted] LUBUMBASHI, BUKAVU, BRUSSELS

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ABSTRACT

ZIBET WIQUIT SECAROB SMOTH

REF DIRECTOR 26813

1. AT 11 AUGUST MEETING, SMOTH CONFIRMED THEY HAD HAD INDIRECT CONTACT WITH WICKS IN PAST, BUT THAT HE WAS UNWITTING SOURCE. CONTACT MAN PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE, BUT THEY PLAN PUT HIM BACK IN TOUCH WITH WICKS ABOUT 17 AUGUST, IN HOPE HE CAN ELICIT INFORMATION AS TO WICKS' FUTURE PLANS, ETC.

2. MEANWHILE SMOTH HAVE ASKED SPECIAL BRANCH (DIRECTLY, NOT THROUGH JAGUAR) TO COVER WICKS, BUT TO DATE THEY HAVE NOT LOCATED HIM. WE URGED THEM TO FOLLOW UP RETURN ADDRESS ON LETTER, OFFERING MAKE AVAILABLE FLAT NEXT DOOR OCCUPIED BY FEMALE STATION PERSONNEL AS OP IF DESIRED. ONE PROBLEM IS PRESUMPTION WICKS TRAVELLED ON U.K. PASSPORT, IN WHICH CASE IMMIGRATION WILL HAVE NO RECORD HIS ENTRY OR INTENDED ADDRESS. HAVE ADDRESSEES ANY CLUE AS TO DOCUMENTATION ON WHICH WICKS TRAVELLING?

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11 Aug 1966

3. WITHOUT INDICATING ANY KNOWLEDGE FUTURE PLANNING REFLECTED REF, WE SPECULATED ALOUD AT POSSIBILITY SECAROB/1

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MIGHT VISIT U.K. NEAR FUTURE, SINCE HE CONTINUED BE IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH WICKS AND WAS "KNOWN INTERESTED FIND PUBLISHER FOR BOOK." BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING SMOTH SUPPORT FOR WOFACT CONTACT WITH SECAROB/1 SHOULD HE VISIT, BUT SMOTH WILL WANT TO KNOW AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF HIS TRAVEL PLANS. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO PETERS, SHOULD WE LEARN HE TO VISIT U.K. AGAIN. BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOW KEEP SMOTH FULLY AND PROMPTLY INFORMED ON ALL BRITISH PLAYERS IN THIS GAME, NOT ONLY FOR USUAL REASONS BUT TO ENSURE THEY PUT OUT MAXIMUM EFFORT ON COVERING THEM.

4. WILL ADVISE SEPARATELY RE EMERGENCY CONTACT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECAROB/1.

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11 Aug 66 IN 74584

S E C R E T 111342Z CITE PRETORIA 4955

PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO PRIORITY KINSHASA, LONDON, ROUTINE LUBUMBASHI BUKAVU BRUSSELS

WIQUIT SECAROB

REF: A. PRETORIA 4953 (IN 74361)

B. DIRECTOR 26818*

WILL COMPLY REF B WHICH RECEIVED AFTER REF A SENT.

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* RE LETTERS FROM WICKS AND WICKS MENTIONED CWP STILL ON AND ASKS SECAROB/1 SUPPORT.

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PRIORITY DIRECTOR, KINSHASA INFO PRETORIA, LUMBUMBASHI, BUKAVU, BRUSSELS

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ZIBET WIQUIT SECAROB

[redacted] AP/5?

REF A. DIRECTOR 26716

B. LONDON 5082 (CEL-45,310) (IN 73893)

C. KINSHASA 7090 (IN 72211)

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED WICKS PRESENCE LONDON WITH SMOTH AND REQUESTED THEM ATTEMPT COVER HIS ACTIVITIES HERE ON BASIS COMMENTS REF C. PLEASE NOTE PER REF B SMOTH HAVE BELATEDLY CONFIRMED HIS INVOLVEMENT FROM SOURCE IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT QUARTER.

2. SMESPY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED UNOFFICIALLY THAT SMOTH HAS HAD CONTACT WITH WICKS IN PAST AND IS NOW DEBATING WHETHER APPROACH HIM ON FRIENDLY BASIS STEMMING FROM PREVIOUS CONTACT OR ASK JAGUAR ATTEMPT COVER HIM FROM DISTANCE. MEETING 11 AUGUST 1130 HOURS TO DISCUSS FURTHER AND TRY HELP THEM DECIDE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER TIDBITS PASSABLE AT THAT TIME.

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S E C R E T 061915Z CITE PRETORIA 4941

IMMEDIATE KINSHASA PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO LUBUMBASHI, BUKAVU, BRUSSELS, LONDON, CAPE TOWN

WIRNIT SECAROB

1. SECAROB/1 HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM WICKS DATED 31 JULY RETURN ADDRESS 35 MONTAGUE SQUARE LONDON W1 SAYING WICKS HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT WICKS REMAINS ON FULL SALARY AND COUP DELAYED FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS. SECAROB/1 SHOULD REPLY IN GENERAL TERMS IF HE STILL INTERESTED.

2. SECAROB/1 NOTES HE WAS INTERESTED LISTENER TO WICKS ON 11 JULY. DID NOT TAKE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE.

But files pass cont.

3. SECAROB/1 REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON CONTENT HIS REPLY TO WICKS. MEANWHILE IS MAILING WICKS LETTER TO PRETORIA.

4. ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT, POSSIBLY PERTINENT TO SECAROB/1 UPCOMING DEALINGS WITH WICKS, SECAROB/1 ON 5 AUGUST RECEIVED FROM WIKAROB/4 AIR TICKET TO LONDON, PROMISED WHEN SECAROB/1 LEFT CONGO, AND WOULD LIKE USE IT. THIS SUGGESTS SECAROB/1 MEETING LONDON WITH WICKS.

5. SECAROB/1 BOOK TURNED DOWN. RETURNED FROM PUBLISHER 5 AUGUST.

6. ADVISE.

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26 JUL 65 IN 63928

S E C R E T 261255Z CITE SALISBURY 1934

DIRECTOR INFO PRETORIA LUANDA BRUSSELS LONDON LUBUMBASHI BUKAVU

RYBAT VIQUIT

REF DIRECTOR 22250 *

ERICK/1 LEARNED 25 JULY ALISTAIR WICKS LEFT LAST WEEK FOR TWO WEEK VISIT LONDON. MISSION UNKNOWN.

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* REQUESTED INFORMATION ON FLATTERS OUTSIDE CONGO, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN RHODESIA

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| 1. SUBJECT (TYPE NAME IN ROMAN LETTERS - SURNAME IN UPPER CASE) Alastair WICKS | REQUEST FOR GREEN LIST NAME CHECK № 173910<br>DATE 30/7/64 |
| 2. ALIASES, VARIANT SPELLING, CTC NUMBERS, ETC. | TO CHIEF, FI/D |
| 3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH | ORIGINATING OFFICER<br>NAME B.A.Metcalf<br>OFFICE DESIGNATOR AF/5<br>ROOM, BUILDING 7C-18<br>EXTENSION 5032 |
| 4. CITIZENSHIP ?Rhodesian, South African, British | |
| 5. PRESENT ACTIVITY AND LOCATION Mercenary in the Congo | 13. TYPE OF REQUEST (CHECK ONE)<br>X FIRST TIME SUBMITTED<br>☐ ADDITIONAL DATA<br>☐ RECHECK FOR CURRENT |
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7. PAST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE

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| Mercenary | Congo | Aug 64-present |

8. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA (POLITICS, RELIGION) - ADD EXTRA SHEETS WHEN NEEDED

9. DESCRIPTION (HEIGHT) (WEIGHT) (EYES) (HAIR) (RACE) (OTHER)

10. SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME)

11. OTHER MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES

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TO: B. Metcalf

28 July 66
DATE

FROM: FI/D

A. [XXXX] SEE DOSSIER ON SUBJECT IN FI/D BIOGRAPHIC FILES. Reviewed by you 27 Jul 66.

B. [ ] A MEMORANDUM IS ATTACHED HERETO.

C. [ ] WITH THE LIMITED IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED IN THE REQUEST, FI/D IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT OR NOT.

D. [ ] FI/D HAS NO PERTINENT INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. IF INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBJECT APPEARS AT A LATER DATE, IT WILL BE REPORTED TO YOU AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

E. [ ] THE SUBJECT OF THIS REQUEST IS APPARENTLY THE SUBJECT OF THE FOLLOWING:

## NOTE TO THE ORIGINATING OFFICE

WHEN THE SUBJECT IS NO LONGER IMPORTANT TO YOUR OFFICE, THIS SHEET, WITH THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATION NOTICE COMPLETED, SHOULD BE SENT TO FI/D.

REVIEW YOUR FILE OF THESE SHEETS FREQUENTLY, AND SEND TO FI/D THE SHEETS FOR PERSONS THAT ARE NO LONGER OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO DEMAND A CONTINUING NAME CHECK. PLEASE DO NOT TIE UP FI/D'S FACILITIES WITH CONTINUING SEARCHES FOR INFORMATION THAT IS NOT REQUIRED.

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S E C R E T 150713Z CITE PRETORIA 4882

IMMEDIATE KINSHASA INFO IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR, BRUSSELS, LUBUMBASHI, BUKAVU

15 Jul 66 IN 57343

RYBAT WICUIT

REF: DIRECTOR 19340 *

15 Jul 66 IN 57044

1. WICKS PHONED HOARE 14 JULY FROM SALISBURY WITH PROPOSITION HOARE TO RECEIVE 22,000 POUNDS FOR SIX MONTH CONTRACT, ETC. TASK WOULD BE COORDINATION OF MILITARY EFFORT IN KATANGA AGAINST REACTION BY ANC. RANK FULL COLONEL. HOARE STALLED AWAITING ARRIVAL MICHELL WITH REF GUIDANCE.

2. WICKS CLAIMED HE ATTEMPTING POSTPONE COUP UNTIL 27 JULY TO PERMIT RECRUITMENT ADDITIONAL MERCENARIES SO AS ELIMINATE NECESSITY RELIANCE ON PETERS. WICKS REGISTERED KENTUCKY HOTEL SALISBURY. PETERS REGISTERED PARK LANE HOTEL. PETERS PARTICIPATING IN SALISBURY DELIBERATIONS ON AD HOC BASIS.

3. HOARE ACCEPTED REF GUIDANCE EVENING 14 JULY. STATED THIS CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING ODYOKE POSITION AND HE WILL NOT ACCEPT WICKS PROPOSITION. POINTED OUT PERSONAL LOYALTY TO PUGH PARAMOUNT DESPITE GLITTERING OFFER. HOWEVER HIS FINANCIAL POSITION HAS DETERIORATED RAPIDLY AND HE NOW IN NEED SOME ASSISTANCE. HOARE

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REQUESTS IF POSSIBLE SOME COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF ABOVE OFFER. HE AVAILABLE FOR ANY TASKS TO COUNTER COUP.

4. HOARE STATED IF COUP TO PROCEED 17 JULY, WICKS AND PETERS WILL RETURN JOHANNESBURG 15 JULY AND DEPART JAN SMUTS AIRPORT 16 JULY WITH FORTY THREE EX-5 COMMANDO TYPES RECRUITED JOHANNESBURG SINCE 4 JULY. PLANE WILL [illegible] TO STAGING AREA AT [illegible].

5. HOARE SUGGESTED KINSHASA INFORM MOBUTU OF PLOT. IN ORDER TO HAVE INSIDE MAN NEAR MOBUTU, KINSHASA COULD SUGGEST MOBUTU SEND HOARE REQUEST VISIT HIM AT ONCE OR HE COULD GO TO MOBUTU ON OWN INITIATIVE. HOARE WOULD ASK MOBUTU DISBAND 5 COMMANDO AT ONCE IN VIEW THEIR DISLOYALTY, PETERS' RACKETS, PAYMENTS TO FICTITIOUS MEN, MURDER OF VAN OPPENS AND BURCHETT, STEALING OF PT BOAT, ETC. THIS DISBANDMENT VITAL TO MOBUTU SECURITY AND AS SAFEGUARD AGAINST REPEAT PLOT. WOULD RECOMMEND REPLACE 5 COMMANDO AND POSSIBLY 6 COMMANDO WITH NEW GENDARMERIE FORCE RECRUITED IN U.K. HOARE COULD DO THIS AND ATTEND TO INITIAL TRAINING, ETC. MOBUTU WOULD INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH OAU BY DISMISSING [illegible] MERCENARIES. [illegible] WOULD SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO MOBUTU. SIMILAR MARINE UNIT COULD BE RECRUITED.

6. HOARE ADDED THE MALUBA WILL REVOLT IN RETALIATION FOR KIMBA EXECUTION IF TSHOMBE SUCCEEDS. ALSO, BELIEVES UMHK FUNDS DEPOSITED

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SALISBURY OR JOHANNESBURG.

7. MORNING 15 JULY HOARE PHONED MICHELL TO ADVISE HE TALKED TO WICKS IN SALISBURY PREVIOUS NIGHT. TURNED DOWN WICKS PROPOSITION BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. WICKS SAID PETERS HAS PULLED OUT AND IS IN LONDON. PLANNING FOR COUP CONTINUES TO PROCEED SALISBURY. TARGET DATE NOW 21 JULY. NO INDICATION ANY PLANS FOR MOVEMENT RECRUITS FROM JOHANNESBURG AS YET.

8. NO FURTHER INFO ON ROLE MALUMBA, IDENS OTHER MAJOR CONGOLESE FIGURES INVOLVED, OR DEGREE INVOLVEMENT SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN PLOT. PARTICIPATION SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA GOVERNMENTS BEING HANDLED BY SECURITY SERVICES AS INDICATED. PROOF OF OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION LACKING. URGE UTMOST PROTECTION HOARE AS SOURCE SINCE HIS POSITION AS U.K. CITIZEN IN SOUTH AFRICA MOST TENUOUS.

9. PRETORIA HANDLING DISSEM IN INTEL FORMAT.

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CS COMMENT: *Requests Station to express to Hoare deep appreciation for information on coup planning and forwards a number of reasons for ODYOKE (I) policy remaining in support of a unified and stable Congo for passage to Hoare.

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FORMER MAJOR IN FIFTH COMMANDO WHO
RESIGNED FROM FIFTH COMMANDO IN DEC 65.
RE ALLEGED PLANS FOR COUP D'ETAT BY FORMER
CONGOLESE PRIME MINISTER MOISE TSHOMBE
INVOLVING FIFTH COMMANDO MERCENARIES.

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COUNTRY: Rhodesia/South Africa/Congo (L)/Zambia

REPORT NO. CS -311/03210-66

SUBJECT: Additional Congo Mercenary Flights

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REFERENCES

DATE OF INFO. 2 February 1966

PLACE: Rhodesia, Salisbury

DATE ACQ. (5 February 1966)

FIELD REPORT NO. AHS-1314

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

SOURCE: A Royal Rhodesian Air Force (RRAF) reserve officer who obtains information from reserve officer briefings and from officials of air services. His previous reporting on mercenaries recruited and sent to the Congo has proved reliable. He is pro-U.S. He obtained this information from Captain Jack MALLOCH, head of Air Trans-Africa.

As of 2 February a total of eight mercenary flights had been completed to the Congo since the first of this year, with personnel drawn largely from Johannesburg who have been joined by small groups of Rhodesians from Salisbury. Major Alistair WICKS, former deputy commander of No. 5 Commando, is now acting as mercenary recruiting officer in South Africa. Each of the eight flights carried out by Air Trans-Africa transported 70 mercenaries. One additional flight of approximately the same number is still to be undertaken.

1. Source Comment: Air Trans-Africa has sent one DC-4 aircraft to Zambia where it has been registered and is now engaged in the oil lift.

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S E C R E T 281345Z 28 FEB 66 IN 64278

DIR INFO LEOP SLBY CITE PRET 4684 (STRAUB ACTING)

1. ASSISTANT ARMA LEOPOLDVILLE VISITED OFFICE 23 FEB PURSUANT TO ACSI REQUEST FOR BI ON MICHAEL HOARE AND ALLISTER WICKS. REQUESTED REFERENCE NUMBERS ANY BI WE HAD SENT IN SO HE COULD PASS THEM TO ACSI. TOLD HIM WE HAD NO SUCH BI, BUT RECALLED THAT PRESS HAD CARRIED CONSIDERABLE INFO ON HOARE BACKGROUND WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE AT KUBARK HEADQUARTERS. AS FOR WICKS, WE UNDERSTOOD HE RHODESIAN, BUT HAD NO INFO OTHER THAN FACT HE INVOLVED IN AIR LIFT OF MERCENARIES.

2. VISITOR SAID HE PROCEEDING DURBAN AND MIGHT CONTACT HOARE WHILE THERE.

S E C R E T

CFN 4684 ARMA LEOPOLDVILLE 23 FEB ACSI BI MICHAEL HOARE ALLISTER WICKS BI ACSI NO SUCH BI INFO HOARE KUBARK RHODESIAN NO INFO DURBAN

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22 DEC 64 IN 19903

S E C R E T 221219Z

DIR INFO LEOP CITE PRET 4577

1. SAW SECAROB/1 AND 2 ON DEC 17 AND 18. SECAROB/1 (S) ADVISED IS PURCHASING HOME IN PIETERMARITZBURG AND NEEDS MONEY COMING TO HIM. STATED ONLY MONEY HE HAD RECEIVED WAS $150 IN LEOP TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR WIFE. IS THIS CORRECT. IF NOT WHEN DID HE GET OTHER $55. HE RECALLED THAT EMPLOYMENT WITH KUBARK BEGAN 1 JANUARY 1965. HE APPARENTLY IS BASING THIS ON PRET 3749 IN WHICH HE POINTED OUT HAD INTENDED QUIT ON 31 DEC, HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY KUBARK LEOP TO RETURN WHICH HE AGREED TO DO. ACTUAL AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF PAY WAS 10 JANUARY 1965. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY PLAN TO PAY HIM $9,503 LESS $150 AS TOTAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS.

2. S AGREED FOR PBPW TO REVIEW ANY PUBLICATION BY HIM. WE DISCUSSED HIS BOOK WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PUBLISHERS BY 31 MARCH. IT WILL NOT INVOLVE CONGO POLITICS AND HE WILL NOT HAVE "ONE MEAN THING TO SAY ABOUT ANYONE". WE WILL DO PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF OUTLINE AND PROGRESS OF BOOK IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO BE SURE THAT HE DOES NOT GET INTO FINAL STAGES WITH SOMETHING OBJECTIONABLE REQUIRING TOTAL RE-WRITE. WE WILL DO FINAL REVIEW PRIOR SUBMISSION MANUSCRIPT.

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3. HIS PERSONAL PLANS OTHER THAN WRITING BOOK ARE TO SAIL TO LOURENCO MARQUES FOR WEEK THEN LATER TO MAURITIUS, AND AFTER STORM SEASON IS OVER IN 1966 TO SAIL ACROSS ATLANTIC TO WEST INDIES AND FLORIDA.

4. WE WARNED HIM THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WAS HE TO GET INVOLVED IN RHODESIAN AFFAIRS AND THIS INCLUDED ANY RECRUITMENTS, TRAINING OR ANYTHING ELSE. HE AGREED. WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE USE BY US, WE ASKED HIM IF HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE IN TRAINING MEN FOR GUERRILLA TYPE ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT. WHILE THIS DISCUSSION WAS TOO VAGUE TO PLAN ON, WE THINK HE COULD DO NEARLY ANYTHING WE ASKED HIM TO.

5. THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING RE MOBUTU'S REFUSAL TO TELL HIM GOODBY. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT ASK TO SEE MOBUTU. WICKES WANTED TO SEE MOBUTU AND AFTER CONSIDERABLE URGING S WENT TO POWIS AND ASKED IF MOBUTU WOULD SEE WICKES. POWIS ANSWERED NO SINCE MOBUTU WAS VERY BUSY. POWIS TOLD S THAT HE COULD SEE MOBUTU IF HE HAD ANYTHING NEW TO TAKE UP. S REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOTHING. HE ADVISED THAT BOTH HE AND MOBUTU REGARDED THEIR LUNCHEON AFTER MOBUTU HAD TAKEN OVER AS GOODBY. WICKES WAS VERY MAD AND TOOK A BUNDLE OF PAPERS FOR MOBUTU TO SIGN IN ORDER GET TO SEE HIM. WICKES WAS REFUSED ADMITTANCE. SECAROB WAS COMPLETELY RELAXED ON SUBJECT. COULD HE POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT WICKES IN LEOP 2863, IF NOT HE CERTAINLY HAS RECONSIDERED HIS VIEWPOINT.

6. S IS NOT INTERESTD IN RETURNING TO CONGO AT THIS TIME. WE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT HE DO SO BUT AT SAME TIME HE DOES NOT EXCLUDE

POSSIBILITY IF NEEDED. HE STATED THAT HE DELIBERATELY MADE HIS DEPARTURE APPEAR TO BE ABSOLUTELY FINAL IN ORDER TO NOT UNDERCUT PETERS IN HIS NEW COMMAND. HE SAID THAT IF THERE WAS ANY IDEA THAT HE WOULD RETURN, PETERS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE MERCENARIES. HIS WHOLE DISCUSSION INDICATED THAT HE INVISIONS THAT HE MAY RETURN. S ADVISED THAT HE HAD INSURED PAY FOR THE MERCENARIES THROUGH 31 DEC BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THINGS WOULD GO AFTER THAT.

7. SECARC3 WAS HIGH IN HIS PRAISE OF HIS CASE OFFICER WHOM HE REGARDED AS VERY HELPFUL AND REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE TO BID FAREWELL TO COS LEOP.

8. AS AN ASIDE, S CAUTIONED THAT WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE LEOP'S VIEW THAT MOBUTU WAS FRIENDLY TO KUBARK IS WRONG. HE STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD MOBUTU TALK TOO OFTEN FOR THERE TO BE ANY DOUBT THAT HE DOES NOT LIKE KUBARK. S HAS NO IDEA WHAT THE BASIS OF THIS DISLIKE IS AND THINKS THAT IT IS PROBABLY A COUNTER-REACTION TO THE GREAT SERVICES THAT KUBARK HAS RENDERED TO THE CONGO. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS A PECULIARITY OF MOBUTU'S CHARACTER.

9. S DOES NOT AT ALL EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY TSHOMBE BECOMING ONE OF MOBUTU'S MINISTERS. HE SAID THAT MOBUTU HAS BEEN ACCEPTING SOME ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FROM TSHOMBE. AS TO KASAVUBU, S FEELS THAT HE ALSO MIGHT AT A LATER DATE BECOME A MINISTER UNDER MOBUTU EVEN THOUGH HE APPEARS TO BE FINISHED AT THIS TIME. HE BELIEVES THAT A COMBINATION OF MOBUTU, TSHOMBE AND KASAVUBU WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE CONGO.

10. S'S SON HAS COMPLETELY RECOVERED, HOWEVER, S HAS HAD A SEVERE ATTACK OF MALARIA.

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COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

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DATE OF INFO. 27 SEPTEMBER 1965

DISTR. 28 SEPTEMBER 1965

SUBJECT

SITREP AS OF 0600 HOURS LOCAL TIME

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, ALBERTVILLE (27 SEPTEMBER 1965)

REF IN 61285

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL ARREST OF TWO SOMALIS IN ALBERTVILLE.

FIELD REPORT NO. ACL 3936

THIS IS AN ALBERTVILLE SITUATION REPORT PREPARED AT 0600 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1965 BY CAS.

1. ON 27 SEPT 1965 A COLUMN OF THE FIFTH COMMANDOS (5 CDO). REACHED LULIMBA AND WAS PREPARING TO MOVE TOWARDS LUBONDJA ON 28 SEPT. THIS COLUMN LED BY MAJOR ALISTAIR WICKES HAD 3 OF ITS MEN WOUNDED DURING THE MOVEMENT FROM BENDERA TO LULIMBA (SOURCE: PILOT DEBRIEFING. CONGOLESE AIRFORCE AIRCRAFT HAVE HAD THE ONLY CONTACT WITH THE FIFTH CDO SINCE 26 SEPT).

2. ON 27 SEPT, CONGOLESE AIRFORCE PILOTS OBSERVED A 5 CDO [illegible], WHICH LANDED [illegible] OF BARAKA, ENTERING BARAKA. THIS SAME



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7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE [illegible] (ATTACHE COMISH) CINCSTRIKE/CINCMEAFSA (ALSO SENT ELISABETHVILLE LONDON BRUSSELS BUKAVU BUJUMBURA DAR ES SALAAM [illegible]).

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UNIT WAS LATER SEEN LEAVING BARAKA APPARENTLY WITH THE INTENT OF UNLOADING BARGES WHICH WERE ARRIVING NORTH OF BARAKA. (SOURCE: PILOT DEBRIEFINGS).

3. ON 27 SEPT A FATAC C-47 AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN ALBERTVILLE TO SUPPORT THE ANC OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CONGOLESE REBELS NORTH OF ALBERTVILLE. THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO RESUPPLY ISOLATED UNITS AND TO DROP SURRENDER LEAFLETS. FOUR, 7 TON TRUCKS, HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO OPS SUD TO CARRY SUPPLIES FROM ELIZABETHVILLE TO ALBERTVILLE (SOURCE: LT COL HARDIENNE PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO OPS SUD).

4. ON 25 SEPT 1965 THE TOWN OF LUSANGI FELL INTO REBEL HANDS. NO DEFINITE INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AS TO THE SIZE OF THE ATTACKING FORCE OR THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DEFENDING ANC TROOPS. (SOURCE: HARDIENNE).

5. ON 27 SEPT 1965 TWO SOMALI CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED AT THE HOTEL DULAC, IN ALBERTVILLE. THIS HOTEL SERVES AS THE PRINCIPAL BILLET FOR THE EUROPEAN ADVISORS TO THE ANC IN ALBERTVILLE. THE SOMALIS PAPERS WERE FOUND TO BE IN ORDER AND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED ON 28 SEPT.

6. ON 27 SEPT 1965, THE OPS SUD ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS PLANS TO MOVE TO BENDERA AT THIS SAME TIME THE NINTH COMMANDO BATTALIONN IS TO MOVE FROM LULIMBA TO MAKUNGU AND KATSHOKA. TWO DAYS LATER THE FIFTH INF BN IS TO COMMENCE ITS ADVANCE FROM BENDERA TO MAKUNGU, KATSHOKA, YUNGU AND KABIMBA. (SOURCE: HARDIENNE).

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IMMEDIATE DIR INFO LEOP ELIZ CITE ALBV 0252 14 Aug 61 IN 11050

SECAROE

REF ALBV 0262 (IN 07706)

1. MAJOR WIKES FIVE CDO XO RETURNED FROM LEOP AND REPORTED TO SECAROE-1 AND TROOPS AT FULL MUSTER FOLLOWING:

A. GENERAL MOBUTU EAGER SEE FIVE CDO PROBLEMS SOLVED.

B. NEW FIVE CDO PAY SYSTEM HAS BEEN EFFECTED WHERE PAY [illegible] FROM LEOP DIRECTLY TO A JOBURG BANK THUS COMPLETELY [illegible] BRUSSELS. THIS SYSTEM SAID WIKES WOULD PERMIT VERIFICATION OF PAY TRANSFER WITHIN FEW DAYS

2. SECAROE-1 THEN COMMENTED TO TROOPS HE WAS COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH RESOLUTION OF PAY PROBLEMS AND IT WAS TIME TO GET ON WITH THE WAR. ALL HIS TROOPS HAVE APPARENTLY ACCEPTED NEW DEAL. MORALE APPEARS GOOD.

3. SECAROE-1 THEN CONFIRMED HIS SATISFACTION PRIVATELY TO MAZUTIS.

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CFN 0260 0252 MAJOR WIKES CDO XO LEOP SECAROB-1 ()&-634-) .97757 [illegible] 2803 3:-497-1 SECAROE-1 MAZUTIS

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IMMEDIATE DIR INFO LEOP ELIZ CITE ALBV 0260

SECAROB    27 Aug 65 IN 40746

REF DIR 38395

1. REF MESSAGE PASSED TO SECAROB-1 (E1) BY MAZUTIS AT 1100Z, 27 AUGUST. S1 AGREEABLE WAIT AND TAKE NO FINAL ACTION UNTIL GUTHMAN RETURNS.

2. MAJOR VICKES DUE ALBV 1400Z, 27 AUGUST WITH REPORT HIS LEOP MISSION CONCERNING PAY QOSOLVE (AS RCVD). S1 INTENDS REPORT THIS WORD TO TROOPS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATE S1 AND TROOP REACTION.

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CFN 0260 38395 SECAROB-1 S1 MAZUTIS 1100Z 27 S1 NO FINAL GUTHMAN MAJOR VICKES ALBV 1400Z 27 LEOP QOSOLVE AS RCVD S1 S1

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PRIORITY DIR INFO PRIORITY ALBV CITE LEOP 0776 (LAMPRIGHT ACTING)

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40041

26 Aug 65 IN 40041

1. COL WILLIAMS INFORMED STATION THAT ON MORNING 26 AUGUST LOGIEST AND MAJOR WICKES HELD MEETING WITH MOBUTU RE 5TH COMDO PAY PROBLEM. AFTER ARRANGING FOR LOAN FROM DIRECTOR NATIONAL BANK NDELE, MOBUTU CALLED IN PAY MASTER AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS PAY SOME, UNSPECIFIED, PORTION OF OUTSTANDING PAY IMMEDIATELY. WICKES THEN WENT TO BANK TO INSURE THAT TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO JOHANESBURG WAS MADE. WILLIAMS FELT THIS ONLY STOP GAP MEASURE AND PROBLEM LIKELY COME UP AGAIN IN A FEW WEEKS.

2. WILLIAMS ALSO SAID THAT 80 MERCS KILLED SO FAR IN CONGO AND GOVT OBLIGATED PAY FAMILIES ONE MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS FOR EACH DEATH. ALTHOUGH CONGOLESE BUDGETED FOR DEATHS THEY DID NOT BELIEVE DEATH RATE WOULD BE SO HIGH.

3. WILLIAMS INFORMED HIS REP ALBV 26 AUG TO NOTIFY HOARE. WICKES HAS PROBABLY NOTIFIED HOARE DIRECTLY.

4. PLS PASS ABOVE TO GUTHMAN.

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CFN 2776 COL WILLIAMS 26 LOGIEST MAJOR WICKES MOBUTU RE 5TH COMDO
NDELE MOBUTU VICKES JOHANESBURG WILLIAMS A WILLIAMS 80 MERCS
ONE MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS CONGOLESE NTR BELIEVE WILLIAMS ALBV
26 AUG HOARE WICKES HOARE PLS GUTHMAN
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# Intelligence Information Cable

COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

TDCS 314/1658-65

DATE OF INFO. 25 AUGUST 1965

DISTR. 26 AUGUST 1965

SUBJECT

REVERSAL OF HOARE'S DECISION NOT TO RESIGN HIS COMMAND AND LEAVE THE CONGO

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, ALBERTVILLE (25 AUGUST 1965)

REF. TDCS-314/[illegible]-65

IN 39572

FIELD REPORT NO.

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: A COMPETENT AMERICAN OBSERVER FROM LT. COL. MICHAEL HOARE.

1. ON 25 AUGUST 1965 LT. COL. MICHAEL HOARE, CO OF THE MERCENARY FIFTH COMMANDO, STATED THAT HE HAS NOW DECIDED THAT IF PAY PROBLEMS ARE NOT SETTLED TO HIS SATISFACTION BY 27 AUGUST, HE WILL GO TO LEOPOLDVILLE ON 29 AUGUST AND TENDER HIS RESIGNATION DIRECTLY TO PREMIER TSHOMBE. SHOULD TSHOMBE NOT INSTITUTE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO AMELIORATE THE FIFTH COMMANDO PAY PROBLEMS, HOARE SAID THAT HE WILL LEAVE THE CONGO ON 2 SEPTEMBER. HOARE SAID THAT HIS PRIDE NECESSITATES CARRYING THROUGH THE THREATS HE HAS MADE TO RESIGN.

2. HOARE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS INFORMATION THAT HIS SECOND IN COMMAND, MAJOR ALISTAIR WICKS, HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO STEP INTO THE BREACH SHOULD HOARE MOVE OUT OF THE PICTURE. FURTHER, HOARE STATED THAT ON 25 AUGUST, 19 MEN MUTINIED OVER THE QUESTION OF ONE OFFICER BEING SACKED. HOARE HAS PLACED THESE MEN UNDER ARREST AND IS SHIPPING THEM TO



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STANLEYVILLE AND OUT OF THE CONGO. (FIELD COMMENT: THE FOREGOING APPEARS TO BE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HOARE'S SUDDEN REVERSAL OF HIS POSITION REGARDING RESIGNATION.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY (ATTACHE CONGSH) CINCMEAFSA (ALSO SENT LEOPOLDVILLE, ELIZABETHVILLE, BUKAVU, LONDON, BRUSSELS)

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COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

TDCS - 314/11539-65

DATE OF INFO. 21 AUGUST 1965

DISTR. 23 AUGUST 1965

SUBJECT

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FIFTH COMMANDO PAY PROBLEMS

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, ALBERTVILLE (21 AUGUST 1965)

REF IN 37310

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL A COMPETENT AMERICAN OBSERVER FROM LT. COLONEL MICHAEL HOARE.

FIELD REPORT NO. ACA 29

1. ON 21 AUGUST 1965, LT COL MICHAEL HOARE, CO OF THE FIFTH COMMANDO, STATED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM MAJOR GENERAL MOBUTU TO THE EFFECT THAT MOBUTU PLANNED TO COME TO ALBERTVILLE 24 AUGUST TO DISCUSS FIFTH COMMANDO PAY PROBLEMS. HOARE NOTED HOWEVER THAT MOBUTU FREQUENTLY DID NOT KEEP HIS PROMISES AND THEREFORE HOARE WAS SENDING HIS DEPUTY, MAJOR ALISTAR WICKS, TO LEOPOLDVILLE. WICKS ON 23 AUGUST WILL PRESENT MOBUTU WITH PAY AUTHORIZATION FORMS FOR MOBUTU'S SIGNATURE. HOARE SAID IF MOBUTU OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS HAD NOT SIGNED THE PAY AUTHORIZATIONS



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AND ARRANGED FOR TRANSFER OF MONIES BY 27 AUGUST, THEN HE WOULD HAVE TO INFORM HIS MEN THAT HE HAD NO IDEA WHEN THE PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED.

2. HOARE FURTHER STATED THAT HE COULD NOT CONTINUE TO GIVE HIS MEN PROMISES AND HAD TOLD THEM HE WOULD HAVE A DEFINITE ANSWER ABOUT THEIR PAY BY 28 AUGUST AT THE LATEST. HOARE COMMENTED THAT HE EXPECTS A LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 150 MEN IF THE PAY AUTHORIZATIONS ARE NOT SIGNED, AND HE CANNOT HONESTLY TELL THE MEN THAT MONEY WILL SOON BE DEPOSITED TO THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN ACCOUNTS.

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY (ATTACHE COMISH) CINCMEAFSA. ALSO SENT LONDON BRUSSELS ELIZABETHVILLE BUKAVU.

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[illegible] *TO* WITHDRAW [illegible] AND NOTED IT WAS TOP SECRET.

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COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)/SOUTH AFRICA TDCS -314/09208-65

DATE OF INFO. JUNE 1965 DISTR. 1 JULY 1965

SUBJECT

DEVELOPING CONFLICT REGARDING UTILIZATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN FIFTH COMMANDO

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, ALBERTVILLE (29 JUNE 1965) REF IN 03815

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: A COMPETENT AMERICAN OBSERVER FROM MAJOR ALISTAR WICKES, ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FIFTH COMMANDO. FIELD REPORT NO. ACA 2

1. ON 29 JUNE 1965 MAJOR ALISTAR WICKES, TEMPORARY CO OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FIFTH COMMANDO (5CDO) CITED BITTERLY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SIXTH COMMANDO PERSONNEL FROM ALBERTVILLE AND ADJACENT AREAS AT THE TIME OF THE ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PERSONNEL OF THE (5CDO) IN EARLY JUNE 1965. HE STATED THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO RESPOND TO LOCAL CONGOLESE ARMY (ANC) REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT IN THE ALBERTVILLE AREA. THIS WAS CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM LT. COLONEL MICHAEL HOARE, (5CDO) CO WHO NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA PREPARING TO RETURN TO THE CONGO WITH APPROXIMATELY 200 NEW RECRUITS.



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2. WICKES PLACED THE BLAME FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE (5CDO) ON BELGIUM INFLUENCE AND MACHINATIONS AND NOTED THAT HOARE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DISPLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS. THE AGREEMENT FOR THE MOVEMENT OF THE (5CDO) TO ALBERTVILLE HAD NOT BEEN PLANNED TO INCLUDE SUPPORT TO ANC GARRISONS IN THE AREA BUT ONLY FOR TRAINING OF THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND THE IMMEDIATE SUBSEQUENT MILITARY THRUST INTO FIZI BARAKA AREA.

3. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY COMISH (ATTACHES), CINCMEAFSA.

(ALSO SENT LEOPOLDVILLE, ELISABETHVILLE)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
NUMBER 2821007965
DATE: 2 JUNE 1965
SUBJECT: WICKS, Allistair
CLASSIFIEATION: CONFIDENTIAL
FILE NO: NOT LISTED

SUBJECT: PROBLEMS AFFECTING 5th Bde Operations, Northern Congo

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25 April 1965

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Olenga Statements on Army Progress

Cairo [illegible] in Arabic 1920 GMT 25 April 1965--[illegible] (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Excerpts) Cairo--Passing through Khartoum (en route to Cairo--ed.), General Olenga issued a statement saying that the forces of the Congolese revolutionary army are in control of the front adjacent to the Sudanese borders and that the liberational army is moving freely in the area that falls under the control of the revolutionaries.

In his statement, Olenga said that the forces of the liberation army are in control of the left bank of Stanleyville and that the Simbas will occupy the eastern bank of Stanleyville at the appropriate time.

The statement says that the liberation army forces have foiled Tshombe's attempts to carry out elections in the main Congolese towns and adds that the two aims of the liberation army are to get rid of imperialist domination in the country and to impose the authority of the people before September 1965. The statement also affirms that the morale of Tshombe's forces and that of the mercenaries has fallen.

General Olenga and Mr. Kanza will hold contacts with officials in Cairo to explain to them the recent developments in the Congo.

REBELS SAY EMISSARIES SENT TO TALK WITH TSHOMBE

London REUTERS in English 1224 GMT 25 April 1965--E (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Text) Cairo--Four Congolese insurgent emissaries have been sent to Leopoldville for talks with Prime Minister Moise Tshombe on a peaceful settlement of the Congo problem, an insurgent source said here today. The source said the emissaries had been dispatched by the president of the "Congo National Liberation Committee," Gbenye-Davidson, who is now in Cairo.

The source said that because of divisions in the insurgent ranks, the Sudanese Government had informed them it could no longer allow the transport of arms or equipment through its territory to their forces. The source also said the UAR Government had told the insurgent leadership it was ceasing arms shipments and cutting off financial help because there was no evidence of a united insurgent government.

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SALISBURY SOURCE CONFIRMS HOARE'S RESIGNATION

Paris AFP in French 2230 GMT 23 April 1965--E (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Text) Salisbury, 23 April--Major Mike Hoare, commander of the number five unit of South African mercenaries serving the Leopoldville Government, has turned in his resignation, an unimpeachable source of Salisbury has confirmed. Major Hoare, nicknamed "mad" [illegible], will [illegible] leave the Congo together with his adjutant, Major Alistair [illegible] of Rhodesia, and perhaps most of the 300 men in his unit. Their last six-month contract expires 1 May, anyway.

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PRIORITY LEOP INFO DIR CITE PRET 4123 3 MAY 65 IN 57771

REF: LEOP 6591 (IN 57003)

1. SECAROB/2 (S/2) AND BABY LEFT FOR DURBAN AFTERNOON 3 MAY. STAYING AT MOTEL EVENING 3 MAY AND ARRIVING DURBAN 4 MAY. WICKS HAS BEEN CALLING S/2'S MOTHER BUT NO ONE INCLUDING HER MOTHER KNEW WHERE SHE WAS. SHE WELCOMED REF AND WILL CALL WICKS FROM DURBAN.

2. FYI: ADVISE S/1 THAT S/2 IS DELIGHTED HE STAYING ON. SHE REALLY FEELS THAT FOR HIS OWN HAPPINESS HE MUST SEE JOB THROUGH.

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PRIORITY PRET INFO DIR CITE LEOP 8591

1 May 65 IN 57003

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REF: A. PRET 4117 (IN 56425)

B. LEOP 8589 * NIY

SECAROB/1 (S) WAS INFORMED THAT WIFE AND BABY STAYING WITH PUBH. S MOST APPRECIATIVE. ASKED THAT WIFE BE TOLD HE DUE TO RETURN PROBABLY AROUND BEGINNING JUNE FOR ONE MONTH LEAVE. ALISTAIR WICKS WILL FILL IN S WIFE ON S CURRENT SITUATION. PER REF B, WICKS LEFT ON LEAVE 30 APRIL, TO CONTACT S WIFE IN DURBAN. S EXPECTS WICKS WILL LEARN SHE IN PRET AND WILL CONTACT HER WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION
REPORT NUMBER 2821004865
DATE 26 Feb 65
SUBJECT: WICKS, ALISTAIR
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: 5th Commando Personnel

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COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE) TDCS-314/01625-65

DATE OF INFO. THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY 1965 DIST. 9 FEBRUARY 1965

SUBJECT

MERCENARY ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS

PLACE & DATE ACQ. ENGLAND, LONDON (4 FEBRUARY 1965) REF IN 73954

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL FIELD REPORT NO. OEL 40,338

AN OFFICIAL BRITISH SERVICE FROM A SOURCE DESCRIBED AS "WELL KNOWN, EXPERIENCED IN REPORTING AND RELIABLE, FROM ALISTAIR WICKS."

1. MAJOR MIKE HOARE, COMMANDER OF 5 COMMANDO, CONGOLESE GOVT MERCENARY FORCE, TOGETHER WITH HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND ALISTAIR WICKS, RETURNED TO STANLEYVILLE AREA OF CONGO TO RESUME OPERATIONS DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY. THEIR RETURN FOLLOWED FURTHER DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TSHOMBE DURING WHICH TSHOMBE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS PUT TO HIM IN STRONG TERMS BY HOARE AND ASSURED HOARE OF HIS CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

2. THE MERCENARY FORCE LEADERS WERE CONFIDENT THEY COULD NOW DEAL WITH THE NORTHERN CONGO SITUATION PROVIDED THE 300 ADDITIONAL MERCENARIES, WHOSE ENGAGEMENT TSHOMBE HAS ACCEPTED, ARE BROUGHT INTO



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ACTION AND PROVIDED THE FORCE IS EQUIPPED WITH A MINIMAL NUMBER OF HARD-SKINNED VEHICLES. THESE ARE REGARDED BY THE FORCE COMMANDERS AS INDISPENSABLE IN THE FACE OF IMPROVED ARMAMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLIED THE REBEL FORCES AND WHICH HAS ALREADY INFLICTED UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES ON MERCENARIES USING CONVENTIONAL TRANSPORT.

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE CINCMEAFSA (ALSO SENT LEOPOLDVILLE PRETORIA BRUSSELS KHARTOUM ELISABETHVILLE CAPE TOWN).

(END OF MESSAGE)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION
REPORT NUMBER: 1821001665
DATE: 28 Jan 65
SUBJECT: WICKS, ALISTAIR
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
FILE NO. NOT LISTED

SUBJECT: Visit to Kamina Base on 25 & 27 January 1965

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Hoare

# TRANSMITTAL MANIFEST

No. 0602163

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| Chief, Africa Division | Chief of Station, Leopoldville |

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| | French language version of report pouched under TM 0602162 | |

DATE: 24/1/65

SIGNATURE: Teresa J. BELGREDAN

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C.D.L.

Date : dimanche 2[illegible] janvier 1965

A la suite de l'invitation de L[illegible], j'ai donc rencontré le colonel Hoare, en présence de John L[illegible] et du major [illegible] (ou [illegible]), dans la chambre du colonel au [illegible].

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Hoare m'a ~~[illegible]~~ expliqué qu'il souffrait d'un manque de liaison avec Tshombe lorsqu'il (Hoare) se trouvait en opérations et que bien souvent il était obligé de revenir à Léo pour traiter directement avec Tshombe. Je lui ai suggéré de laisser en permanence un officier à Léo, parlant français, officier bien sûr qui aurait toute sa confiance.
Hoare m'a répondu qu'il n'avait pas d'officier à lui répondant à ces exigences; mais qu'à son retour de congé il avait appris que l'on avait désigné un officier belge, le capitaine V[illegible], pour servir d'agent de liaison entre Tshombe et lui. Il m'a demandé mon avis sur cet officier que L[illegible] et moi connaissons très bien.

(V[illegible] est le mari de l'ancienne secrétaire de Tshombe, Monique V[illegible]; durant la sécession katangaise, il travaillait au Ministère de l'Information à [illegible]ville où il se distingua par sa totale incompétence. Revenu à Léo en août 64, il a attendu en vain que Tshombe lui trouve une fonction. En désespoir de cause, il s'est engagé à l'A.N.C. où il a reçu le grade de capitaine – je suppose qu'il est lieutenant de réserve à l'armée belge).

Je n'ai pu que répondre que je considérais ce choix comme peu judicieux.

Hoare m'a alors demandé si, en cas où il aurait des problèmes importants à traiter avec Tshombe et qu'il ne pourrait revenir lui-même à Léo, si j'acceptais qu'il délègue un de ses officiers pour traiter avec moi et que j'en réfère ensuite à Tshombe. J'ai évidemment accepté.

Hoare m'a encore confirmé l'arrivée des 325 mercenaires.

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[illegible] INFO PRIORITY [illegible] CITE [illegible] 2312

(IN 64[illegible])

[illegible] CANNOT REACH [illegible] IN TIME FOR [illegible] WITH [illegible]/1

[illegible] FOLLOWING IS FILL-IN ON REF BASED ON TAPE REF AND FOLLOW-

[illegible] TOTAL INFO FROM TAPE WHICH WILL NOT BE FORWARDED.

[illegible] PARA 2 REF, THREE [illegible] ARE CARLOS HUYCHE, PETER

[illegible] MICHEL [illegible]. ALL PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY SEFFACE,

[illegible] FIRST TIME HUYCHE [illegible] WITH SELEVEN. IN BALANCE OF

[illegible] CONFUSED IN THAT TWO GERMANS INVOLVED. WE PROBABLY MISSED

[illegible] THE [illegible] WHILE [illegible] MACHINE ANSWERING TELE-

[illegible]. "[illegible]", [illegible] AGENT IN CONGO WITH CODE

[illegible]", IN [illegible]. [illegible] SELEVENS INFORMED PRI-

[illegible] ACTIVITIES. [illegible] OFFICIAL AND GIS REP

[illegible] IS FRIEDRICH WILHELM

[illegible], [illegible] TO S/1 BY HUYCHE.

[illegible] MEN FOR [illegible]. HAS THUS FAR

[illegible]. LATTER [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] S/1. SECOND IS TO

[illegible] PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

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[illegible], [illegible] WILL PRODUCE [illegible] NEWSLETTER FOR MERCENARIES AND [illegible]. THIS OFFICE WILL BE RUN BY JOHN LATZ. FOURTH PRIORITY ITEM WILL BE SETTING UP OF LIAISON OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG, WHICH IS REASON FOR S/1 RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA IN TEN DAYS. IT [illegible] BRIDGE WILL OCCUPY THIS SLOT. WE NOT CLEAR WHETHER [illegible] THESE RECRUITS AND USE EXISTING MEN HE HAS ENOUGH TO SET UP [illegible] STAFF.

4. AMERICAN MISSIONARY PARA 6 REF IS MRS. KLEINSCHMIDT, WHO [illegible] YEARS CONGO AND STATIONED ADI, LEAVING VIA ARU AND JUBA [illegible]. SHE SAYS THAT CONTRARY TO GENERAL BELIEF, ARMS LANDED [illegible] FORMER AIRFIELD ARE NOT TRANSSHIPPED TO ARUA. INSTEAD [illegible] BY CAR, BICYCLE AND FOOT DIRECT TO ADI OVER ROAD NOT SHOWN [illegible]. SHE SUSPECTS THAT CHIEFS RESIDENCE IN ADI USED AS AMMO [illegible]. (ACCORDING S/1 KLEINSCHMIDT IS ALL-ROUND EXPERT ON NORTHEAST [illegible]. WE HAVE ADDRESS AND CAN DEBRIEF FURTHER IF DESIRED. SHE [illegible] STATES MARCH 65).

5. S/1 APPROACHED BY MAJOR CHARLES KEARY, EX SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE, (SAAF) ON 23 JAN. KEARY, WHO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON [illegible], OFFERED TO TAKE OVER "21 SQUADRON" AND TO OBTAIN [illegible] STAFF AND EQUIPMENT FOR IT "UNOFFICIALLY" FROM SAAF. [illegible] STAFF WOULD BE GIVEN LEAVE TO ENABLE THEM TO JOIN MER-[illegible]. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER KEARY HAD AUTHORITY MAKE THIS OFFER. [illegible] NO COMMITMENT TO KEARY, AS THIS WOULD BE MOBUTU DECISION. [illegible] OUT SA INVOLVEMENT [illegible] POLITICAL DYNAMITE, AND [illegible] S/1 DISCUSS FURTHER WITH [illegible]. S/1 AGREED.

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DATE: December 1964
SUBJECT: WICKS, Alister
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USARMA Document 06615
DATE: 23 January 1965
SUBJECT: WICKS, Alister
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SUBJECT: Not listed

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION
REPORT NO. 2821017164
DATE: 30 May 64
SUBJECT: WICKS, ALISTAIR
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
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SUBJECT: 21st Support Squadon

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PRIORITY LEOP INFO ELIZ DIR CITE PRET 3602    IN 95557

REF: LEOP 4237 (IN 95176)

1. BY LETTER TO MRS. PUGH DATED 8 OCTOBER SECAROB/2 ADVISED SHE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. SHE WAS CONFINED TO BED WEEK PREVIOUS LETTER DUE TO USUAL "HEART BUSINESS" BUT OTHERWISE EVERYTHING IS GOING EXCELLENTLY. DOCTOR CONFIRMS THIS AND ADVISES THAT BABY SHOULD ARRIVE ABOUT 17 NOVEMBER. LETTER NOT CLEAR ON FOLL POINT BUT APPARENTLY DOCTOR HAS REQUESTED SECAROB/1'S BLOOD GROUP. PLS ADVISE IF POSSIBLE.

2. SECAROB/2 RECEIVED CALL FROM JOHANNESBURG 6 OCT FROM DES BARNES, WHO SAYS HE IS IN CHARGE JOHANNESBURG OFFICE AND THAT PATRICK O'MALLEY HAS BEEN RELIEVED. BARNES WAS SENDING DONALD GRANT TO SEE SECAROB/2 ON 7 OCT BUT HE DID NOT ARRIVE. ASK SECAROB/1 FOR BACKGROUND ON BARNES AND GRANT.

3. FOLL INTELL IN SECAROB/2'S LETTER WHICH LEOP CAN USE OR KILL. DIFFICULT TO SOURCE HERE PLUS FACT MAY BE OUTDATED BY MORE RECENT

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INFO. "AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER PAY WAS BIG PROBLEM OF MERCENARIES, INCLUDING SECAROB/1 HIMSELF. FOUR MERCENARY COMMANDO UNITS ARE THE FIELD. THEY ARE LOCATED AT BUKAVU, LISALA, GEMENA, INGENDE. THERE ARE THREE LEFT AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR ONE HUNDRED MORE MEN. THESE MEN WILL ARRIVE SOON AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM ARE BEING MADE BY SECAROB/1 PERSONALLY, SINCE ALISTAIR WICKS AND PATRICK O'MALLEY HAVE MADE SUCH A MESS OF PREVIOUS RECRUITING. THE MERCENARIES ARE GENERALLY IN GOOD SPIRITS AND SECAROB/1 ESTIMATES THAT THE REBELS WILL BE SUBDUED IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS IF HE IS ALLOWED TO USE HIS JUDGEMENT IN FIGHTING. SECAROB/1 BELIEVES THAT THE BELGIANS ARE NOT ANXIOUS FOR THE WAR TO BE OVER TOO SOON AS THEY ARE BUILDING UP ANOTHER SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN THE CONGO WITH DOZENS OF OFFICERS AND MEN RUNNING HEADQUARTERS AND LOGISTICAL TEAMS."

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COUNTRY CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE) TDCS -A/[illegible]-64

DATE OF INFO. 5 SEPTEMBER 1964 DIST 8 SEPTEMBER 1964

SUBJECT
1. CONTINUING ARRIVAL OF MERCENARIES AT KAMINA BASE.
2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MERCENARIES AT THE BASE.
3. FRICTION BETWEEN HOARE AND [illegible] (handwritten: [illegible])

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (7 SEPTEMBER 1964) IN 69548

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL FIELD REPORT NO. [illegible]-2001

A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (F), FROM AN EXPATRIATE MERCENARY (C), FROM [illegible]. APPRAISAL: 3 (THAT HOARE MADE THESE STATEMENTS AND THAT THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT HIS OPINIONS); 3 (THAT THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE FACTS).

(handwritten: (Possibility of Mobutu-led coup against PM Tshombe) (Much dissatisfaction w/ Mobutu in Army))

1. ON 5 SEPTEMBER 64, MERCENARY COMMANDER MAJOR MICHAEL HOARE [illegible] SAID PRIVATELY THAT WHILE STILL IN ALBERTVILLE EARLIER THAT WEEK HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU TO CANCEL ALL IN-COMING DRAFTS OF MERCENARIES. HOARE IMMEDIATELY SENT TELEGRAMS TO PATRICK O'MALLEY IN JOHANNESBURG AND ALASTAIR WICKS IN SALISBURY TO STOP RECRUITING. ON 3 SEPTEMBER, HOARE FLEW FROM ALBERTVILLE TO KAMINA BASE, WHERE ON 4 SEPTEMBER HE MET WICKS, WHO ARRIVED ABOARD A DC-3 WITH 32 MEN JUST AS HOARE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR LEOPOLDVILLE. WICKS EXPLAINED THAT HOARE'S INSTRUCTIONS HAD ARRIVED TOO LATE;



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THAT THE MEN HAD ALREADY SIGNED CONTRACTS; AND THAT BY 7 SEPTEMBER THERE WOULD BE A TOTAL OF 700 MERCENARIES AT KAMINA: 440 ALREADY THERE, 260 TO ARRIVE. (FIELD COMMENT: A MERCENARY ROLL CALL FROM KAMINA BASE DATED 30 AUGUST SHOWED A TOTAL STRENGTH THEN OF 216.)

2. HOARE DESCRIBED THE GENERAL LEVEL OF THE MERCENARIES AT KAMINA AS "EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD". SOME 20, HE SAID, HAVE BEEN WEEDED OUT AND SENT BACK FOR VARIOUS PHYSICAL DEFICIENCIES. THE REST ARE YOUNG, ADVENTUROUS AND EAGER. THERE IS ONE PLATOON OF 25 PARA-TROOPS, "EXCELLENT SOLDIERS." HOARE FOUND THE QUARTERS ASSIGNED HIS MEN UNSATISFACTORY AND TOOK OVER THE LARGEST AND BEST BUILDINGS ON THE BASE: THREE BUILDINGS BUILT AROUND A QUADRANGLE AND, HE SAID, EASILY DEFENDED IF NEED BE. HOARE ADMITTED THAT THE EQUIPPING AND ARMING OF THE MERCENARIES IS GOING VERY SLOWLY. HE HAD MANAGED, HOWEVER, TO GET EACH MAN A RIFLE AND AMMUNITION. MOST EQUIPMENT COMES FROM BELGIUM.

3. DURING THE MORNING OF 5 SEPTEMBER, HOARE SAID, HE SAW COLONEL FREDERIC VANDERWALLE, MILITARY ADVISER TO CONGO PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE. VANDERWALLE, WHO ACCORDING TO HOARE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO BE PLEASANT, GREETED HIM WITH, "WHY DON'T YOU OBEY INSTRUCTIONS; I SAID, NO MORE MEN." HOARE SAID THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE FELT THE MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY WITH MOBUTU. HOARE, VANDERWALLE AND BELGIAN AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL (FNU) BOUZIN THEN MET WITH

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MOBUTU. WHEN MOBUTU ASKED THE SAME QUESTION, HOARE REPLIED, "YOU ASKED FOR 1,000 MEN. I HAVE GOT THEM, AND I CAN'T STOP NOW. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?" MOBUTU REPLIED, "WE CANNOT EQUIP OR ADMINISTER 1,000 MEN AT ONE TIME. YOU MUST REDUCE YOUR UNIT TO 250 MEN AT ONCE."

4. AFTER RELATING THE ABOVE, HOARE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED THE DECISION TO REDUCE THE MERCENARY FORCE IS MOBUTU'S AND VANDERWALLE'S. HE THINKS THAT MOBUTU FEARS THAT THE 1,000 MEN AT KAMINA BASE WOULD BE LOYAL TO TSHOMBE PERSONALLY "IN THE EVENT OF AN UPHEAVAL." ASKED WHAT HE MEANT BY "AN UPHEAVAL", HOARE SAID THERE WAS "EVERY POSSIBILITY" OF A "COUP DE FORCE" AGAINST TSHOMBE, ENGINEERED BY MOBUTU WITH THE SUPPORT OF CHIEF OF STATE JOSEPH KASAVUBU. AT THE SAME TIME, DISSATISFACTION WITH MOBUTU IS COMING TO A HEAD WITHIN THE ANC, AND THERE IS "SOME POSSIBILITY" OF AN OFFICERS' UPRISING AGAINST HIM.

5. HOARE CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT THE ANC/COMMAND SEEMS TO HAVE "NO HEART" IN WHAT IT IS TRYING TO DO. FORCES ARE TOO THINLY SPREAD, AND LEADERSHIP IS INADEQUATE. VANDERWALLE IS "NO TACTICIAN, BUT BASICALLY WEAK, UNSURE OF HIMSELF, TECHNICALLY INADEQUATE AND TOO EASILY INFLUENCED, PARTICULARLY BY A CERTAIN (FNU) WATTIER, THE HEAD OF A SMALL GROUP OF BELGIAN MERCENARIES." (SOURCE (EX-KATANGA MERCENARY) COMMENT: HOARE AND VANDERWALLE ARE OBVIOUSLY

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AT LOGGERHEADS AND DISAGREE ON PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING.)

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1. ASSUME YOU DO NOT WANT RECAPITULATION ALL REFERENCES ON THIS SUBJECT. GENERALLY PUREN AND MERCENARIES WHO WERE RECRUITING HERE PRIOR TSHOMBE RETURN TO CONGO HAD NO MONEY BUT WERE ALWAYS EXPECTING BIG TRANSFER FROM TSHOMBE. EVIDENCE THIS IN SECAROB DIARY REFERRED TO PRET 3476 IS STATEMENT REGARDING TSHOMBE'S 18 JULY CABLE TO PUREN "CASH LATER TSHOMBE OWES HIM ABOUT SIX THOUSAND POUNDS". AT ANOTHER POINT IN DIARY AFTER TSHOMBE HAD TOLD SECAROB PROCEED WITH BUILDING UP MERCENARIES, SECAROB NOTED "TOLD HIM WE MUST HAVE THE CONTRACT BY NOON FRIDAY SO THAT MY MEN COULD RETURN TO SALISBURY AND JOHANNESBURG TO BRING UP THE SMALL ARMY. RATES OF PAY MUST BE FINALIZED, NO TICKET NO LAUNDRY". AT ANOTHER POINT "[illegible] HAVE HAD FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS TRANSFERRED TO JOHANNESBURG TO PAY FOR AIR CRAFT REPAIRS, TRAVEL TICKETS, MEN'S PAY ADVANCES, ETC." AT ANOTHER POINT HE NOTED THAT HE WAS SENDING O'MALLEY TO JOHANNESBURG AND NICKS TO SALISBURY BUT "THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR MY OKAY" I.E. SIGNING OF CONTRACT. SEE PRET 3476 RE SENDING JULIA (PUREN) JOHANNESBURG WITH THE MONEY. IN VIEW ABOVE PLUS PREVIOUS DISSEMS WOULD CLEARLY INDICATE THAT TSHOMBE IS PAYING MERCENARIES.

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2. [illegible] CABLE THAT MERCENARY RECRUITING HAS [illegible] [illegible] SOUTH AFRICA. THIS MEANS THAT THOSE WHO WILL BE SIGNED UP [illegible] WILL BE FROM APPLICANTS PRIOR 2 SEPT. IT DOES NOT [illegible] MERCENARIES WILL GO FROM SA BUT SHOULD RESULT [illegible] IZING [illegible] PUBLICITY ORIGINATING IN SA. WOULD SUMMARY NEWS STORY PRIME MINISTER'S SAYING RECRUITMENT GETTING OUT OF HAND AND WOULD BE STOPPED UNLESS ETC. PLUS INDICATION RECRUITS BEING TAKEN FROM IMMIGRANTS BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO TSHOMBE OR IS THIS AVAILABLE.

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SUBJECT: O SECAROB Diary

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1. Transmitted herewith are photostatic copies of first two installments of SECAROB's Diary which was furnished by Mrs. SECAROB.

2. Most of this is of value only as background since it had already been reported. We will cable the intelligence in future installments if it has not already been reported.

HENRY V. PUGH

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A resume of the first [illegible] days.

[illegible] 40 [illegible] to [illegible] airport [illegible] to leave for Leo at 7.30 pm on the evening of [illegible] 2[illegible]th July. [illegible] a last minute hitch – no [illegible] of security for Rhodesian Air Services DC 4 the carriers – we did not take off. Following morning [illegible] from Salisbury [illegible] a call from Leo (Puren) told us to [illegible] by until further orders as Tshombe was on tour and no decision had been taken.

I left for Leo on the evening of Sat [illegible] July. Met at the airport by Puren and Vicks. No visa trouble when we showed the telegram – the one Tshombe sent Puren on 18th July (arrived [illegible]) saying come at once avec tout personnel tous arrieres [illegible] reglés. The last part must have done Purens heart good as Tshombe owes him about £5000 he says.

Booked in at the Hotel Memling, Leo and met Dave Sutherland, Errol Kingman, [illegible] Hodges, Peter Mackintosh, all of [illegible] are pilots. I am regarded as a pilot. The press were soon on to us and we made a pact with them ; no mention of our presence and we give them the news when it breaks.

A whole week passed when Tshombe was still on tour in Kivu and Stan and then returned only to go to Elisabethville for a day. Despite utter frustration we were completely ignored by the Palace and no message reached us. Meanwhile we tried every scheme to reach Tshombe [illegible] via the kitchen door, but without luck. Dave Sutherland sensing a frost returned to Joburg on 23th.

Met a friend of a friend of mine on Monday 27th .
Another week passed during which we met dozens of dignitaries none of any great importance. [illegible], close to Tshombe, has his ear as a result of past ,loyalties in Madrid and now expecting the Ministry of Information presently held by Premier Ministre. Typical of many such who are here to collect. Herbert Fauntleroy Julian, see Time Mag. 7 Aug. here to collect 24,000 dollars from Tshombe left after 21 days without seeing him. General [illegible] now out in the cold down to Colonel protesting loudly that he always [illegible] the front, not like others by telephone. [illegible] on his face caused by Jeep accident. A spent force. Ex Katanga Minister Kibwe also [illegible] now small beer. Met Minister [illegible] from Katanga tells me no currency left in the till in Eville. Waited 1 [illegible] days to see T and left without seeing him. Tshombe overworked and understaffed. Country being run by three men – Tshombe Mobutu and Munongo in that order. Decisions made clearly at the top but lack implementation for lack of staff.

Met Munongo. Not quite the firebrand he was in Katanga 61 but still a powerful and ruthless man quite capable of forming a secret police on the Russian pattern. Somehow feel he is doing this already.

Invasion at Mushie near [illegible] by [illegible] soldiers of ex Colonel [illegible] a terrorist ex Kindu responsible for the murder of the Italian airmen

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Leo said but A my[illegible] dealt with the matter quickly offering documentary proof in [illegible] that these rebels are Chinese assisted and based in Brazza. Puzzled out but Tshombe made capital of it and gave out to the world that he warned neighbouring countries of meddling in Congo's affairs.

Situation on all fronts deteriorating rapidly. Feel terrible frustration because not [illegible] off [illegible] and after weeks of inactivity know that Tshombe will still want a rapid result. He needs a major success soon desperately. Stanleyville fell and Paulis threatened. Rebel advances in Katanga as far as Kabongo NE of Kamina Base and west as far as Luluabourg. In Katanga jeunesse march on Manono and sack the town including Geomines mess and all the factories and mines. Kilwa threatened. In the East Baudouinville retaken by ANC and an advance begun on Kapona.

Morale in the ANC at its lowest ebb. Recently ANC motored into battle in the Kivu area "in reverse" gear, literally. Another time Mobutu personally took command and was left high and dry when his men deserted him, and saved only by a timely Captain shouting "forward men if only to save your general". Despite this Mobutu still not disenchanted with his army.

Journalist of a German paper visited Albertville and told me he had seen Soumialot. Town occupied by large number (1000 possibly?) Jeunesse and even boys of 12 and 14 were armed. S. tired and looking beaten. No contact with his "friends". European hostages numbering about 200 (I think this exaggerated) free to roam around town but not to leave. S. has threatened that if white mercenaries are used against him he will chop the lot. A bas Belgiques. Clever move and the fact that there are over 700 Belgian civilians in the Congo has forced the Belgians to forbid the use of their troops. Harriman Spaak pact apparently states that no Americans and no Belgians to be used, but western world plainly anxious for the mess to be cleared up. Military situation not desperate despite what it may look like on a map. Essential realise the average villager is a peaceful man wanting only a quiet life. Whoever bears arms will force him to side with them and provide food and even men. When the tide turns the same thing applies. The hard core rebels have to be rooted out and destroyed. The retaking of towns will look spectacularly like success but the manner in which ANC performs its occupation duties will be the acid test. At the moment they are a miserable failure. Munongo told me he had resuscitated Kongolo with 8 tons food and 35m frances. Three days later after a battalion of ANC had been moved in by Mobutu (opposing Munongo's suggestion of Katangaise) the village was deserted again, no money and no food, ANC had run riot killing and looting and raping. Some fun. Here lies the root cause of the trouble in rehabilitation.

Gerry and Julian (Gerry's wife) had tea with Munongo on Sunday 9th. I was invited but feel Gerry outmanoeuvred me for some reason.

However gave me a detailed account of the [illegible]. [illegible] understand why Tshombe has not called us yet, [illegible] pressure of other business. Says he will [illegible] this week and let the world press know that SA Portugal and [illegible] are the Congos real friends. [illegible] he can prove Algerian, Ethiopian and Ghanaian troops are in the [illegible]. I wonder. Certainly the rebels are well armed [illegible] because they are using the arms left by ANC when they ran away. Fantastic story that there was a move afoot to quarter the Congo into four separate sovereign states and that he and [illegible] would welcome it. Bitter about broadcast made by Gen [illegible] of Int Red Cross in which he asked the nations of the world to [illegible] and to recognis his government.

Just as I was beginning to lose heart Tshombe made his decision. Sent for me 0930 TUESDAY [illegible] Aug. Bring the men at once, see Gen Mobutu. Saw Mobutu. Anticipated some resistance to the idea but fears totally unfounded. [illegible], charming, efficient, powerful. Back to Tshombe to finalise details of contracts, rates of pay etc. Appointment for [illegible]. Red carpet all the way. Car at our disposal, laisser passer, everything.

Next day - nothing. Spent the entire day in the hotel waiting to be called. Whole damn thing is positively medieval.

Next day, Thursday sense of urgency restored to Mobutu and Tshombe and red carpet laid out again. Saw Tshombe twice and drank beer with him in the evening whilst he discussed his escape from Kipushi in 1962! Very convivial but too tired to finalise our contracts. Tomorrow at 10. Meanwhile Mobutu getting anxious and has done what he can. Alerted General Bobozo who is waiting for me in Kamina. I am to fly there tomorrow DC 6. Assures me all materiel, transport, planes etc are there. Complet autonomie d'action Major pour vous. I got him to say it three times to make sure I had not misheard him. No Belgians, mon general. D'accord. Thank God for that. Force Aérienne to be under my command 15 pilots, chef des pilots Puren. Jerry took it very well but I do not intend to play a heavy role there. Got my task from Tshombe personally - give me back the Congo, Manono Kabalo Nyunzu Albertville Uvira and [illegible] - waving a fat hand and laughing. T looks fit despite sleeping very little. Eyes shining a smile for everybody. A diplomat in the world [illegible]. Told him we must have the contract by noon Friday so that my men could retrun to Salisbury and Joburg to bring up the small army. Rates of pay must be finalised, no ticket no laundry. He laughed Get as many white troops as I want he said. I told him we would begin with 200.

Friday: today. Waited all morning for Tshombe and Mobutu! Finally

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15th August 64.

Hedges and MacKintosh arrived at lunch time from Luluabourg. Their first mission has been a miserable failure so far. Two Harvards took off yesterday at 1340 to blast the rebels at a point outside L where they are threatening to overwhelm an important ANC training establishment where we understand the ANC have run away and left valuable equipment. When approaching L this morning Kingman came down with the wind and piled up the Harvard on the dirt at the side of the run way breaking one wing, a wheel and jerking off two of the guns in their nacelles. Gerry then sent Hedges and Mac back by Air Congo and stayed behind with Kingman to complete the mission today in theother Harvard

Summoned to the Palace at 1300 hrs. Mobutu arrived at 1335 and we gave him the pro forma contract we had prepared for the enlistment. Ushered in to the presence 1530 hrs. Present Munongo, Tshombe, Mobutu, Lindaka (Security Minister), Julia and myself. Tshombe mad as hell with Julia. Why does it take five visits to get the smallest thing fixed etc. Julia answered him back.

Finally put a straight question to me - was I satisfied with the Katanga contract of 1961, yes or no. I said Yes but owing to the Cost of living expected higher rates. Tshombe pointed to the Index clause and said that took care of the devaluation of money. I insisted on a written contract which they drafted and signed there and then. Have orig. Next Mobutu very agitated wanted to know why was I not in Kamina where Gen Bobozo was waiting for me and why were the SA men not there as promised today? Explained. Now a bombshell from Tshombe. How long would it take to bring one thousand men? 1000. I said a month. Get them aussi vite que possible. Outlined tactical position. Must crush the rebels, now, now, and smashing fist on table. Mobutu then drew map on table and showed me the position. Took piece of paper and wrote down my orders. First - Manono, Kongolo, Albertville, Uvira. Next Bukavu. Next Stan. Gave me 6 Group Mobile units, 200 in each unit, ANC, asked me to keep one of my platoons with each group. Can it be done he asked. Replied yes, if you give me the materiel and force aerienne. Agreed to everything. Stayed and had supper with Tshombe. Told him how Churchill had called Wingate and told him to conquer Burma - you are my man of destiny said Churchill. Now you command me to give you the Congo, I am your man of destiny. He was visibly moved and shook me warmly by the hand followed by the others [illegible]. Tshombe said you will succeed. I have great confidence in you. I [illegible]. I was deeply moved myself that fate should have chosen an insignificant man such as me to be their instrument to reshape the Congo and perhaps leave a mark on Africa for many a decade; [illegible] it free of communism and all [illegible]

General told me to wait at the hotel as they were busy with the agenda for Soapy Williams who arrived early this morning. [illegible] see me this evening at [illegible] hrs. Meanwhile have had £1500 transferred to Johannesburg to pay for aircraft repairs, travel tickets, mens pay advance, etc and arranged for [illegible] to go to Jo'burg with [illegible] ([illegible] 7 days ago at my request) and [illegible] to go to Salisbury. Priority must now be given to getting the [illegible] quickly to Kamina Base.

Gerry [illegible] himself with [illegible] today. Tshombe has given him a [illegible] mission. Nobody else will do it. [illegible] Harvards to strafe a position near [illegible]. Details when they get to a field near there. Saw them off at lunch time. [illegible] and Mackintosh in one, Puren and [illegible] in the other still wearing civilian clothes, no helmets, no parachutes and what look like pretty rough kites. Puren has plenty of guts but little judgement. I hope he gets through OK. Task will take three days.

2200 hrs.

Soapy Williams has taken up [illegible] time since 1500 hrs and we have been [illegible] ever since. Have the money but the contracts have not been [illegible]. In the (meantime) am sending O'[illegible] to Jo'burg [illegible] with Wicks on to Salisbury. They will have to wait for my OK. If all goes well tomorrow [illegible] will fly to Jo'burg via [illegible] (what [illegible] we live in) & business can begin on Tuesday. Latest Wednesday. I am expecting first lift of 30 men within 7 days. Received £100 each (3 of us) in [illegible] being advance pay.

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Left the palace after longest interview yet - 2 hrs.
Flying Kamina first light in army plane. Issued instructions for the recruitment 1000 men immediately.
Sending J[illegible] via Joburg tomorrow via Brazza with the money.
Everything now depends on speed recruitment.
Note Buys for assistance on security side. If this can be eased even slightly recruitment will be easier.
Coming Joburg myself in army plane in about 8 days time. Must find 15 signallers capable of working [illegible] net over 600 miles otherwise I am done. May try army. May try Americans but must have them absolute no [illegible]riority. Prefer latter chaps if it can be done sub rosa. Will contact friend I know for opinion

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM A FORMER KATANGA MERCENARY (C) FROM HOARE.

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APPRAISAL: 2 (THAT HOARE MADE THESE STATEMENTS AND THAT THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE FACTS AS HE KNOWS THEM)

1. ON 11 AUGUST 64, EUROPEAN MERCENARY COMMANDER MICHAEL HOARE SAID PRIVATELY THAT AT Ø915 HOURS THAT SAME MORNING, PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE HAD SENT A CAR TO PICK UP HIM AND MERCENARY AIR COMMANDER JEREMIAH PUREN AND WIFE, FOR AN Ø93Ø APPOINTMENT. THEY WAITED UNTIL 1ØØØ HOURS AND THEN SAW TSHOMBE FOR "EXACTLY FOUR MINUTES". THIS WAS HOARE'S FIRST INTERVIEW WITH HIM SINCE ARRIVING IN THE CONGO ON 25 JULY. THE GIST OF WHAT TSHOMBE SAID WAS, "HOW SOON CAN YOU BRING YOUR MEN IN? THIS IS VERY URGENT, AND WE WANT YOU IMMEDIATELY." (FIELD COMMENT: THE MENTION OF "YOUR MEN" IS OBVIOUSLY A REFERENCE TO OTHER EUROPEAN MERCENARIES STANDING



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BY TO COME TO THE CONGO.) TSHOMBE THEN WROTE A PASS IN HIS OWN HAND AND SENT HOARE AND THE PURENS IN A STAFF CAR TO SEE CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU. HOARE COMMENTED, "WE RECEIVED RED CARPET TREATMENT ALL THE WAY."

2. THEY SPENT HALF AN HOUR WITH MOBUTU, DURING WHICH PERIOD TSHOMBE TELEPHONED, TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE THERE AND TO TELL THEM TO REPORT BACK TO HIM AFTER THEIR TALK WITH MOBUTU. HOARE SAID THAT THROUGHOUT THE MEETING MOBUTU WAS "CHARMING AND MOST COOPERATIVE, AGREEING TO EVERYTHING." HE APPEARED "MORE ENTRENCHED THAN EVER" AND "IN FULL CONTROL (SIC) OF THE SITUATION."

3. MOBUTU SAID THAT HOARE, THE MERCENARY PILOTS AND 200 ADDITONAL MERCENARIES ARE TO BE FLOWN TO KAMINA. MOBUTU THEN TOLD PUREN HE COULD HAVE 15 PILOTS. PUREN IMMEDIATELY PRODUCED A LIST OF SEVEN PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN WITH HIM IN KATANGA IN 1961 AND ARE NOW WAITING IN LONDON AND BRUSSELS. TO HOARE'S SURPRISE, MOBUTU QUICKLY STARTED PUTTING THROUGH LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS " AND IN TWO HOURS THE JOB WAS DONE." THESE SEVEN, PLUS THE THREE NOW IN LEOPOLDVILLE (JAMES HEDGES, ERROL KINGMAN AND PETER MACKINTOSH), PLUS PUREN, LEAVE FOUR STILL NEEDED. PUREN IS SENDING TO JOHANNESBURG FOR THEM. HOARE COMMENTED THAT AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE SIX T-6'S AVAILABLE IN LEOPOLDVILLE. (FIELD COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE A MISTAKE. FOUR ARMED T-6'S ARRIVED IN LEOPOLDVILLE FROM LUANDA ON 8 AUGUST,

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ON A SATISFACTORY CONTRACT." (FIELD COMMENT: SEE ACL-2764 (
) FROM THE SAME SOURCE FOR AN EARLIER REFERENCE BY HOARE TO O'MALLEY AS HIS "CONTACT MAN" WITH THE MERCENARIES ON CALL IN JOHANNESBURG.) HOARE WANTS THE FIRST PLANELOAD OF MEN FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO ARRIVE AT KAMINA BY 17 AUGUST AND THE BALANCE WITHIN 10 DAYS. HE PLANS TO SEND WICKS TO SALISBURY ON 16 AUGUST TO RAISE 30 MEN THERE.

6. RETURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT, HOARE SAID THAT THE ONE USED IN 1961 IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY AS A MODEL FOR A NEW ONE AND WILL HAVE TO BE AMENDED IN "CERTAIN RESPECTS". ONE NEW CLAUSE THAT HOARE INTENDS TO HAVE INCLUDED IS THAT HE MUST BE ABLE TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT "ON HIS OWN JUDGEMENT." HE ADDED THAT HE FORESEES NO DIFFICULTY WITH MOBUTU ON THIS SCORE.

7. AFTER THE INITIAL HALF-HOUR MEETING WITH MOBUTU ON THE MORNING OF 11 AUGUST, HOARE AND THE PURENS RETURNED TO SEE HIM AT 1530 HOURS THE SAME DAY. MOBUTU WAS JUST THEN LEAVING TO SEE TSHOMBE, AND THE GROUP FOLLOWED. THEY WERE KEPT WAITING UNTIL 1900 HOURS WHILE MOBUTU AND TSHOMBE CONFERRED IN PRIVATE. WHEN THEY WERE FINALLY RECEIVED, THEY PRESENTED MOBUTU WITH AN ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED WHICH HE READ OVER AND APPROVED.

8. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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# Intelligence Information Cable

COUNTRY REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

TDCS DB-315/00489-64

DATE OF INFO. 17-20 AUGUST 1964

DISTR. 21 AUGUST 1964

SUBJECT
1. EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF 40-60 MERCENARIES AND THE PROJECTED ORGANIZATION OF THE MERCENARY STRIKING FORCE
2. PLAN FOR ATTACK ON ALBERTVILLE AND SUBSEQUENT OBJECTIVES
3. COOPERATION FROM BELGIAN MILITARY ADVISORS TO ANC

PLACE & DATE ACQ. REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (20 AUGUST 1964) REF IN 57075

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: FIELD REPORT NO. ACL 2822

WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B); FROM EX-KATANGA MERCENARY (C), FROM HOARE. APPRAISAL: 2 (THAT HOARE'S STATEMENTS ACCURATELY REFLECT HIS VIEWS AND THE FACTS AS HE KNOWS THEM).

1. ON 20 AUGUST '64, MERCENARY COMMANDER MICHAEL HOARE SAID PRIVATELY THAT MRS JEREMIAH PUREN, WIFE OF THE MERCENARY AIR FORCE COMMANDER, HAD ARRIVED IN JOHANNESBURG FROM LEOPOLDVILLE ON 17 AUGUST WITH THE CONGOLESE GOVT FUNDS NEEDED TO PROCEED WITH MERCENARY RECRUITING. ALTHOUGH HOARE HAS HAD NO NEWS OF HER MOVEMENTS SINCE THEN, HE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTS THE FIRST DRAFT OF MERCENARIES, BETWEEN 40 AND 60 OF THEM, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND ALASTAIR WICKS, TO ARRIVE AT KAMINA BASE FROM JOHANNESBURG ABOARD A RHODESIAN AIR SERVICES FLIGHT ON 21 AUGUST. SOME OF THEM WILL HAVE BEEN RECRUITED IN JOHANNESBURG, SOME IN SALISBURY. BILLETS, EQUIPMENT AND



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SUPPLIES ARE READY FOR THEM. HOARE HIMSELF PLANS TO FLY TO KAMINA EARLY ON 21 AUGUST. ON ARRIVAL THERE, HIS FIRST TASK WILL BE TO SET UP A HEADQUARTERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING AN INFLUX OF UP TO 100 MEN AT A TIME.

2. HOARE THEN SAID THAT HIS PRESENT PLAN IS TO FORM FIVE COMMANDOS OF 100 MERCENARIES EACH (COMMANDOS "A" THROUGH "E"). EACH IS TO HAVE AN ARMORED SPEARHEAD IN THE FORM OF A "FERRET" OR OTHER LIGHT ARMORED CAR; AND ALL COMMANDOS WILL HAVE TO OPERATE UNDER HOARE'S CONTROL, SINCE HE HAS NO ONE ELSE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING SUBORDINATE COMMAND AT THIS TIME.

3. HOARE SAID HIS FIRST OBJECTIVE IS ALBERTVILLE, WHICH HE PLANS TO TAKE FROM THE LAKE. HE HAS CHRISTENED THE ATTACK "OPERATION WATCHCHAIN" AND HAS DISCUSSED IT IN DETAIL WITH CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU AND WITH COLONEL GUY LOGIEST, RANKING BELGIAN MILITARY ADVISER TO THE ANC. MOBUTU, ON 19 AUGUST, CONCURRED FULLY IN THE PLAN AND SAID ALL NEEDED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ONCE. HOARE THEN ASKED HIM FOR RECONNAISSANCE PLANES, FOR USE IN THE ALBERTVILLE AREA, WHICH BELGIAN OFFICERS HAD REFUSED HIM DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO KAMINA. MOBUTU GAVE HIS AGREEMENT TO THEIR USE. ON 20 AUGUST, LOGIEST "ENTIRELY APPROVED" OPERATION "WATHCHAIN". HE THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS WITH HOARE THE CRITICAL SITUATION OF THE BELGIANS IN ALBERTVILLE, WHERE SOME 30 ARE IN PRISON AND SOME 150 OTHERS AT LIBERTY

IN THE TOWN. REFERRING TO THIS CONVERSATION, HOARE SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE WHOLE TOWN BE TAKEN AT ONCE AND NOT PIECEMEAL, SINCE OTHERWISE THE REBELS WILL HAVE TIME TO KILL THE EUROPEANS. HE THEN REVEALED, IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, H-HOUR FOR THE ATTACK ON ALBERTVILLE AS 0300 HOURS 30 AUGUST. "NO ONE HAS THIS INFORMATION, NOT EVEN MOBUTU." THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WILL BE THE AIRPORT, THE HOTEL DU LAC AND THE WHARF. (FIELD COMMENT: SEE ACL-2755 (TDCS-314/01366-64 ) FOR A GARBLED VERSION OF HOARE'S INITIAL PLANNING FOR THIS OPERATION.)

4. AFTER ALBERTVILLE, HOARE'S TENTATIVE OBJECTIVES ARE FIZI AND UVIRA, "ALL IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL OPERATIONAL PLAN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY MOBUTU." AFTER UVIRA, "THE REAL WAR" STARTS, THE OBJECTIVES BEING BUKAVU AND STANLEYVILLE. HOARE SAID THAT WHEN HE SAW MOBUTU ON 19 AUGUST, HE HAD ASKED HIM "WHAT SHALL I DO WITH (GASTON EMILE) SOUMIALOT, (PIERRE) MULELE AND OTHER REBEL LEADERS IF CAPTURED. SHALL I SHOOT THEM OR TAKE THEM PRISONER?" MOBUTU'S ANSWER WAS, "I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THESE THINGS," WHICH HOARE SAID HE INTERPRETS AS TACIT AUTHORITY TO KILL THEM.

5. HOARE THEN SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH BELGIAN MILITARY ADVISERS TO THE ANC. ON 19 AUGUST, BELGIAN AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL (FNU) BOUZIN, WHOM HOARE DESCRIBED AS AN "UNPOPULAR LITTLE MAN, IDLE AND IRRITABLE ALTHOUGH PROBABLY QUITE CAPABLE," SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO GIVE HOARE "EVERY ASSISTANCE."

THAT SAME DAY, BELGIAN ARMY COLONEL F P MARLIERE, WAS "EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE," ALLOWING HIM TO EXAMINE AVAILALBE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. HOARE WAS ASTOUNDED TO DISCOVER 2Ø NEW AMERICAN-BUILT ASSAULT BOATS AND 15 NEW 25-HP ENGINES, WHICH HE WILL USE IN THE ASSAULT ON ALBERTVILLE. HOARE LISTED HIS REQUIREMENTS AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO NDJILI AIRPORT FOR AIRSHIPMENT TO KAMINA BASE BY C-13Ø. (FIELD COMMENT: THE BOATS AND ENGINES WERE EN ROUTE TO KAMINA BY AIR ON 21 AUGUST.)

6. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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REF: ELIZ 3660 (IN 54040)

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REF: ACE 2294

IN 54240

1. SECAROB (S) SAID HE HAS ENGAGED JOHN LATZ AS LOCAL INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN S AND ALISTAIR WICKS IN ORDER KEEP HIM S; ABREAST OF MERCENARY PICTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA. CHANNEL WILL BE FROM WICKS TO LATZ TO BELGIAN MAJOR COCHAUX (ADVISOR TO ANC G-4) TO BELGIAN CONGEN TO S IN KAMINA. (OBVIOUSLY SUCH CHANNEL WILL KEEP LOTS OTHER PEOPLE IN PICTURE AS WELL.) FYI BELGIAN CONGEN HAS DIRECT RADIO COMMO WITH KAMINA BASE. S SAID HE PICKED LATZ BECAUSE HE OLD FRIEND OF WICKS.

2. LATZ IS LONG TIME RESIDENT ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT AND HAS BUSINESS INVESTMENTS EVILLE. BRITISH SUBJECT. HAVE NO DEROG INFO.

3. REQUEST ADDEES TRACES LATZ, ESPECIALLY INDICATIONS ANY INTEL CONNECTION NOTABLY SMOTH. SAME FOR WICKS.

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ACL-2605 CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)

SUBJECT: RECONNAISSANCE MISSION FOR MERCENARY PILOTS

DOI: 14 AUGUST 64

PADA: CONGO REPUBLIC, LEOPOLDVILLE 15 AUGUST 64

APPR: 2

SOURCE: WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B), FROM EX-KATANGA MERCENARY (C).

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COUNTRY CONGO REPUBLIC

TDCS -314/01684-64

DATE OF INFO. 15 AUGUST 1964

DISTR. 16 AUGUST 1964

SUBJECT

RECONNAISSANCE MISSION FOR MERCENARY PILOTS

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (15 AUGUST 1964)

REF IN 52651

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM AN EX-KATANGA MERCENARY (C). APPRAISAL: 2

FIELD REPORT NO. ACL-2805

1. AT Ø9ØØ HOURS ON 14 AUGUST 64, MERCENARY AIR FORCE COMMANDER JEREMIAH PUREN, MRS. PUREN AND THE MERCENARY PILOTS, JAMES HEDGES, ERROL KINGMAN AND PETER MACKINTOSH, ATTENDED A BRIEFING ON THE MILITARY SITUATION GIVEN AT CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) HEADQUARTERS BY BELGIAN COLONEL (FNU) BOUZIN. FROM WHAT THE PILOTS SAID AFTERWARDS, THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIEFING WAS TO PREPARE THEM FOR A MISSION TO WHICH CONGO PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE. THEIR REMARKS INDICATED THAT IT WAS A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF LULUABOURG, WHERE THERE IS AN ANC TRAINING SCHOOL THAT MUST BE HELD AGAINST THE REBELS. BOUZIN REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PILOTS THAT LULUABOURG



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IS STILL IN ANC HANDS, ALTHOUGH SURROUNDED BY REBEL FORCES.

2. AFTER THE BRIEFING, THE PILOTS INQUIRED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FLYING EQUIPMENT: HELMETS, PARACHUTES, MAPS, ETC. BOUZIN REPLIED, "THE AMERICANS HAVE IT. WE WILL TRY TO GET IT FROM THEM." THOSE AT THE BRIEFING REPORTED THAT BOUZIN HAD TRIED TO DISCOURAGE THEM AND CONDUCTED HIS BRIEFING IN THE MOST SKETCHY FASHION. PUREN AND THE OTHER PILOTS THEN WENT TO NDOLO AIR FIELD TO PREPARE FOR THE MISSION. MRS. PUREN RETURNED TO THE MEMLING HOTEL.

3. AT 13ØØ HOURS, PUREN AND KINGMAN TOOK OFF IN ONE OF THE T-6'S, HEDGES AND MACKINTOSH IN ANOTHER. BOTH PLANES WERE COMPLETELY STRIPPED DOWN: NO HELMETS, NO PARACHUTES, NO RADIOS, NO ARMS, NO MAPS; BUT PUREN INSISTED ON GOING. BEFORE THE PLANES TOOK OFF, MRS. PUREN GAVE EACH OF THE FOUR MEN $28Ø WHICH SHE HAD RECEIVED FROM ANC COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU THAT SAME MORNING. SHE KEPT THE SAME AMOUNT FOR HERSELF AND DISTRIBUTED THE SAME AMOUNT ALSO TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: MERCENARY COMMANDER MICHAEL HOARE, HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND ALASTAIR WICKS, AND PATRICK O'MALLEY.

4. THE TWO PLANES WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE RETURNED LATE ON 14 AUGUST, BUT AT Ø1ØØ HOURS 15 AUGUST, HOARE DISCLOSED PRIVATELY THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING AND EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO THE FOUR MEN.

5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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# Intelligence Information Cable

COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE)/TANGANYIKA/ SOUTHERN RHODESIA

TDCS-314/01366-64

DATE OF INFO.: 3-5 AUGUST 1964

DISTR. 6 AUGUST 1964

SUBJECT: TSHOMBE'S DECISION TO USE THE MERCENARIES/HOARE'S (preliminary arrangements) PLAN FOR SEIZING ALBERTVILLE/ ACTIVITIES OF VICKS AND DENARD (other mercenaries)

(Committee of Nat'l Liberation plans to massacre Europeans if mercenaries are used)

PLACE & DATE ACQ.: CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (5 AUGUST 1964)

REF: IN 44755

FIELD REPORT NO. ACL 2755

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B); FROM EX-KATANGAN MERCENARY (C); FROM PUREN AND HOARE, AS INDICATED. APPRAISAL 3.

1. ON 5 AUGUST 64, JEREMIAH PUREN, ONE OF THE WHITE MERCENARIES NOW IN LEOPOLDVILLE, SAID PRIVATELY THAT MARCO KALIBIONA, CHEF DE CABINET TO PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE AND HIS LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE MERCENARIES, HAD SEEN HIM AND JAMES HEDGES AT 19[illegible] HOURS. KALOBIONA TOLD THEM THAT TSHOMBE, INTERIOR MINISTER GODEFROID MUNONGO, AND CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER IN CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU HAD MET THAT SAME DAY AND DECIDED THAT THE EUROPEAN MERCENARIES WOULD BE USED, AND THAT PUREN WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE AIRFORCE. (INFORMANT COMMENT: KALIBIONA IS VERY CLOSE TO TSHOMBE AND HAS ACCESS TO HIM AT ALL TIMES.)



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2. ON 5 AUGUST, MICHAEL HOARE, MERCENARY COMMANDER, SAID PRIVATELY THAT KALIBIONA HAD TOLD HIM ON 3 AUGUST THAT MOBUTU INTENDED TO USE THE WHITE MERCENARIES IN THE DEFENSE OF STANLEYVILLE. (FIELD COMMENT: STANLEYVILLE FELL TO THE REBELS ON 5 AUGUST.) IN RELATING THIS, HOARE COMMENTED THAT THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN THIS FASHION WOULD HAVE BEEN "FATAL" AND THAY THEY WOULD ALL HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED.

3. ON THE SAME OCCASION, HOARE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE CURRENT "HESITATION" OVER USING THE MERCENARIES MIGHT END WITH THEIR ALL BEING ASKED TO LEAVE. HOARE CLAIMED THAT THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE DELAY IS BELGIAN PRESSURE. THE REASON FOR THE PRESSURE IS THE THREAT BY INSURGENT LEADER GASTON EMILE SOUMIALOT, COMMANDER IN THE EASTERN CONGO, TO KILL THE 100 EUROPEANS NOW HELD IN ALBERTVILLE IF THE MERCENARIES GO INTO ACTION. HOARE COMMENTED THAT "IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS," HE INTENDS TO ASK MOBUTU TO APPOINT HIM TO HIS STAFF IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY. HE WILL THEN SUBMIT A PLAN FOR THE RECAPTURE OF ALBERTVILLE. HE WILL ASK MOBUTU FOR 100 MEN AND AUTHORITY TO USE APPROXIMATELY 10 EUROPEANS. (INFORMANT COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE NUCLEUS OF THIS GROUP WOULD BE THE MERCENARIES ALREADY IN LEOPOLDVILLE.)

4. THE PLAN WOULD INVOLVE THE USE OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA STEAMER, "BARON DHANIS". HOARE WOULD USE IT AS A TROOPSHIP; HE CLAIMS IT CAN CARRY 500 MEN FOR A SHORT HAUL. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE SHIP APPROACH ALBERTVILLE FROM THE NORTH, VIA UVIRA AND KIGOMA.

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AND POSSIBLY CONTINUE ON TO MOBA, WHICH IS ON THE LAKE, NEAR BAUDOUINVILLE. (FIELD COMMENT: THE PLAN, AS RECEIVED AND OBVIOUSLY INCOMPLETE, IS CONFUSING. UVIRA IS IN REBEL HANDS. KIGOMA IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE IN TANGANYIKA. PERHAPS, HOARE MEANT THAT THE FORCE ABOARD THE "BARON DHANIS" WOULD ATTACK UVIRA BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ALBERTVILLE.)

5. HOARE'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND, ALASTAIR WICKS, WHO LEFT LEOPOLDVILLE ON 1 AUGUST FOR JOHANNESBURG IS NOW IN SALISBURY. FROM THERE HE HAS TELEPHONED THAT RHODESIAN AIR SERVICES (RAS) IS NOW "SQUARED AWAY". (INFORMANT COMMENT: THIS MUST BE A REFERENCE TO EARLIER PLANS TO USE THE RAS TO SUPPORT THE MERCENARY ACTIVITIVE IN THE CONGO.)

6. THE FORMER KATANGA MERCENARY, "BOB" DENARD IS NOT IN YEMEN AS REPORTED. HE IS ACTUALLY IN PARIS, RECRUITING MEN THERE FOR SERVICE IN YEMEN.

7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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FROM: C/AF 3 (AF NOTIFIED AND COPY TUBED AT 1430, 31 JUL 64 LMG)

TO: ADDP, C/CI, C/FI 2, VR

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REF DURB 0289 (IN 34860)

1. SECAROBS WIFE DELIVERED AIRLETTER POSTED JOBURG 24 JULY. STATES SECAROB ACTUALLY LEFT JOBURG EVENING 25 JULY, CARRYING LETTER. OMALLEY STILL IN JOBURG, TALKED TO HER ON PHONE 26 JULY.

2. SUMMARY LETTER FOLLOWS: LEAVE THIS EVENING RHODESIA. AIR SERVICE CHARTER DC-4, CAPTAIN MULLOCK. WHOLE AUTHORIZATION FOR MOVEMENT RESTS ON ONE TELEGRAM FROM TSHOMBE WHICH COLONEL BUY'S(SECURITY) HELD WAS AMBIGUOUS. TOUCH AND GO UNTIL 1400 HOURS WHEN BUYS FINALLY GAVE GO AHEAD.

3. PUREN-ROT HIS SOUL-HAD PROMISED CONTACT SECURITY THIS MORNING, INSTEAD LEFT LAST NIGHT WITH WICKS, HEDGES, AND A FEW PILOTS INCLUDING MACKINTOSH. PUREN VERY UNPOPULAR WITH SECURIITY AT MOMENT, OUR SELVES ALSO.

4. ABOUT 45 MEN, ALL OTHER RANKS, FLY WITH ME TONIGHT. EXPECT SECOND FLIGHT WILL BE IN 7-10 DAYS TIME. MEANWHILE BUGY DENYING WHOLE THING TO THE PRESS WHO HAVE THE STORY, PROBABLY FROM ONE OF THE MEN IN PUB. INEVITABLE.

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WICKS, James Alistair RHODESIA

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James Alistair Wicks, was probably born 17 November 1917 in England. (Note: this date is not confirmed.)

Was a mercenary in the Katanga gendarme, 1961.

In July 1964, he returned to the Congo as a member of Michel Hoare's white mercenary group -- was second in command to Hoare.

So: DDP files, 2 November 1965, Confidential.

WICKS, Alistair

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# Intelligence Information Cable

COUNTRY: CONGO REPUBLIC / SOUTH AFRICA     TDCS-314/01683-64

DATE OF INFO: 15 AUGUST 1964     DISTR. 16 AUGUST 1964

SUBJECT: FAILURE OF TSHOMBE TO SIGN MERCENARY CONTRACT; FAILURE OF MRS. PUREN TO LEAVE FOR JOHANNESBURG AS PLANNED; DISPATCH OF WICKS AND O'MALLEY. [illegible]

PLACE & DATE ACQ.: CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (15 AUGUST 1964)     REF:     IN 52536

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM EX-KATANGA MERCENARY (C) FROM HOARE.     FIELD REPORT NO. ACL-2503

APPRAISAL: HOARE PROBABLY MADE THESE STATEMENTS AND THEY PROBABLY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE FACTS AS HE KNOWS THEM.

1. ON 15 AUGUST 64, MERCENARY COMMANDER MICHAEL HOARE SAID PRIVATELY THAT, DESPITE THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE ON 13 AUGUST, THE LATTER DID NOT CONVOKE HIM, HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND ALASTAIR WICKS, MERCENARY AIR FORCE COMMANDER JEREMIAH PUREN AND MRS. PUREN ON 14 AUGUST TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON PAY AND ALLOWANCES AND SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE 250-ODD EUROPEAN MERCENARIES TSHOMBE WISHES BROUGHT TO THE CONGO. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR THE EVENTS OF 13 AUGUST, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH TSHOMBE GAVE SUCH AN ASSURANCE, SEE ACL-2799.) (TDCS-314/01799-64)

2. NEVERTHELESS, AT 1200 HOURS, MRS. PUREN WENT TO THE OFFICE

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OF CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU TO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SITUATION OF THE MERCENARIES ALREADY IN LEOPOLDVILLE AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO RECRUIT THE OTHERS STILL NEEDED. AT 1730 HOURS, SHE SUDDENLY PRODUCED FROM HER HANDBAG A CHECK FOR THE EQUIVALENT IN BELGIAN FRANCS OF APPROXIMATELY 9,000 POUNDS STERLING, DRAWN ON A BELGIAN BANK, WHICH SHE SAID SHE HAD RECEIVED THAT MORNING FROM MOBUTU BUT WHICH SHE HAD WAITED UNTIL THAT MOMENT TO MENTION. AT FIRST, HOARE SAID, IT SEEMED IMPROBABLE THAT THE CHECK COULD BE CASHED. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF MOBUTU, MRS. PUREN FINALLY MADE CONTACT WITH A "HIGH-LEVEL SURETE OFFICIAL" WHO CASHED THE CHECK IN U.S. DOLLARS, IN FIFTY-DOLLAR AND ONE HUNDRED-DOLLAR BILLS. (FIELD COMMENT: A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE, A HIGH-RANKING NATIONAL SURETE OFFICIAL, REPORTS THAT THE CHECK IN QUESTION WAS FOR 1,1[illegible],000 BELGIAN FRANCS, PAYABLE BY THE BANQUE NATIONALE DE BELGIQUE TO MISS J.F. RENOUPREZ. RENOUPREZ IS MRS. PUREN'S MAIDEN NAME.)

5. HOARE THEN SAID THAT, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF HER HUSBAND'S ABSENCE ON A SPECIAL MISSION, SHE DID NOT FLY TO JOHANNESBURG WITH THE MONEY ON THE 14 AUGUST ALITALIA FLIGHT AS SHE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR DETAILS ON THE MISSION, SEE ACL-2025 (TDCS-314/01584-64).) SHE IS NOW KEEPING THE MONEY IN A SATCHEL IN HER LEOPOLDVILLE HOTEL ROOM. AT 2300 HOURS ON 14 AUGUST, HOARE DECIDED THAT, IN SPITE OF TSHOMBE'S FAILURE TO SIGN THE MERCENARY CONTRACT, WICKS AND [illegible] WOULD

THEMSELVES GO ON THE FLIGHT AS SCHEDULED. THEY LEFT, AND MRS. PUREN WILL "PRESUMABLY" FOLLOW ON 19 AUGUST, THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLIGHT. HOARE EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT IS ALL DRAWN UP, LACKING ONLY THE FINAL PAY RATE AND TSHOMBE'S SIGNATURE. (SOURCE COMMENT: HOARE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT HE IS ASKING FOR A BASE PAY OF 140 POUNDS STERLING PER MONTH FOR THE ENLISTED MEN, WITH ALLOWANCES THAT COULD BRING THE TOTAL UP TO 225 POUNDS STERLING.)

4. ON HOARE'S INSTRUCTIONS, O'MALLEY WILL PROCEED AT ONCE FROM JOHANNESBURG TO SALISBURY AND STAND BY THERE FOR FURTHER WORD BEFORE STARTING RECRUITING. WICKS HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO START RECRUITING IMMEDIATELY IN JOHANNESBURG.

5. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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COUNTRY REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO / SOUTH AFRICA / RHODESIA

TDCS -314/01739-64

DATE OF INFO. 13 AUGUST 1964

DIST. 14 AUGUST 1964

SUBJECT

FURTHER MERCENARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOBUTU AND TSHOMBE; PLANS TO PROCEED WITH RECRUITING; HOARE'S VIEW OF THE SITUATION

PLACE & DATE ACQ. CONGO, LEOPOLDVILLE (14 AUGUST 1964)

IN 51472

SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: A WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM A FORMER KATANGA MERCENARY (C) FROM HOARE.

FIELD REPORT NO. ACL 2799

APPRAISAL: 2 (THAT HOARE MADE THESE STATEMENTS AND THAT THEY ACCURATELY REFLECT HIS OPINIONS AND THE FACTS AS HE KNOWS THEM)

1. LATE ON 13 AUGUST 64, MERCENARY COMMANDER MICHAEL HOARE SAID PRIVATELY THAT AT 1030 HOURS THAT SAME DAY, HE AND ALASTAIR WICKS, HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND, MERCENARY AIR FORCE COMMANDER JEREMIAH PUREN AND MRS PUREN MET WITH CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY (ANC) COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH MOBUTU. THE PRINCIPAL DECISION REACHED WAS THAT HOARE'S MERCENARY FORCE, WHEN FORMED, WOULD BE "AUTONOMOUS". (FIELD COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS IT WOULD NOT BE BRIGADED WITH OTHER ANC UNITS.) THE OTHER DECISION REACHED WAS THAT MRS PUREN WOULD GO TO JOHANNESBURG SOON TO ADMINISTER THE [illegible] POUNDS STIPEND TO BE DEPOSITED IN A BANK ACCOUNT THERE FOR THE MERCENARIES.

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(FIELD COMMENT: FOR AN EARLIER REFERENCE TO THIS FUND, SEE ACL-2788 ( TDCS-314/01482-64 ).

2. AT 1230 HOURS, HOARE, WICKS AND THE PURENS SAW PREMIER MOISE TSHOMBE. THE MEETING LASTED "EXACTLY TEN MINUTES." TSHOMBE ASKED PUREN IF HE WOULD ACCEPT THE MISSION OUTLINED BY MOBUTU ON 11 AUGUST. PUREN "EAGERLY" DID SO. HOARE COMMENTED THAT THIS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN THE SOLE REASON FOR TSHOMBE'S HAVING WISHED TO SEE THEM. TSHOMBE, HE SAID, APPEARED "WILDLY EXCITED." (FIELD COMMENT: FOR DETAILS OF THE MISSION, SEE BELOW AND ACL-2788 ( TDCS-314/01482-64 ).)

3. AT 1500 HOURS, THEY AGAIN SAW MOBUTU, WHO TOLD THEM THAT A SECOND APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN MADE FOR THEM WITH TSHOMBE FOR 1700 HOURS, TO SETTLE THE LAST DETAILS AND SIGN THE CONTRACT. HOWEVER, AT 1700 HOURS THEY WERE TOLD TO RETURN TWO HOURS LATER. THEY RETURNED AT 1900 HOURS, FOUND MOBUTU WAITING AND, AT 1920 HOURS, WERE ALL ADMITTED TO TSHOMBE'S PRESENCE. TSHOMBE GAVE THEM INSTRUCTIONS TO "RETAKE THE CONGO": MORE SPECIFICALLY, MANONO, KONGOLO, ALBERTVILLE, UVIRA, STANLEYVILLE, IN THAT ORDER. HE PROMISED ALL SUPPORT, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND, WHICH, HOARE LATER COMMENTED, WAS "RATHER DISTURBING AND A BIT TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING." HOARE ALSO NOTED THAT NEITHER TSHOMBE NOR MOBUTU SEEMED PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AS TO HOW THE JOB WAS DONE PROVIDED IT WAS DONE.

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WHEN THE QUESTION OF THE CONTRACT CAME UP, TSHOMBE APPEARED UNWILLING TO COPE WITH IT THEN AND MADE ANOTHER APPOINTMENT FOR THEM, FOR 1000 HOURS ON 14 AUGUST. TSHOMBE SEEMED TO HOARE "FIT BUT EXTREMELY TIRED."

4. HOARE SAID THAT WICKS, PATRICK O'MALLEY AND MRS PUREN WILL GO TO JOHANNESBURG ABOARD THE 14 AUGUST ALITALIA FLIGHT. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS NOW LESS URGENT FOR WICKS TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO KAMINA, AS PLANNED, BUT THAT RECRUITING CONTINUES TO HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY. IN JOHANNESBURG ON 15 AUGUST, WICKS WILL ALERT THE MEN WAITING THERE AND SHOULD BE ABLE, HOARE ESTIMATED, ARRANGE TO HAVE 50 OF THE 200 READY TO FLY TO KAMINA BY 18 AUGUST AND 30 MORE BY 21 AUGUST. LATER ON 15 AUGUST, WICKS WILL FLY ON TO SALISBURY, WHERE HE IS TO RECRUIT AS MANY MEN AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LESS THAN 30. HOARE SAID HE HAS CLEARANCE FROM THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA SECURITY SERVICE FOR THIS ACTIVITY. HE ADDED THAT THE "FIRST 120 ARE VITAL," THAT HE WOULD TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER 60 BUT COULD USE "AS MANY AS WICKS CAN RAISE."

5. MRS PUREN WILL RETURN TO LEOPOLDVILLE ON 17 AUGUST. THE PURENS AND THE MERCENARY PILOTS WILL PROBABLY REMAIN HERE UNTIL [illegible] AUGUST. [illegible] PRESENT PLANS GO THROUGH, HOARE EXPECTS TO GO TO KAMINA ALONE [illegible] ABOARD [illegible] THE [illegible] OF [illegible] AUGUST.

6. AFTER RELATING THE FOREGOING, HOARE, WHO APPEARED RELAXED AND ENTHUSIASTIC, SAID HE IS "ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED" AT THE WAY THE [illegible] IS SHAPING [illegible] AND [illegible] TO IT AS "THE FINEST JOB [illegible]

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HOPE FOR." AMONG THE VARIOUS ADVANAGES ARE THE FACT THAT "NO BELGIANS" ARE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE ANC COMMAND AND THAT HE WILL HAVE A "HOT LINE" DIRECT TO MOBUTU. HE NOTED THAT ADEQUATE WIRELESS SETS ARE ESSENTIAL, AND THAT THESE MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT "THE DIFFICULTY WOULD NOT BE IN TAKING TOWNS BUT IN HOLDING THEM ONCE TAKEN." HENCE THE NECESSITY FOR TRAINING GARRISON TROOPS TO TAKE OVER WHEN THE MERCENARY FORCE MOVES ON. HE HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED TO MOBUTU THAT HE COME PERSONALLY TO KAMINA TO CONDUCT AN INSPECTION TWO WEEKS AFTER HIS OWN ARRIVAL THERE. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD "A VERY HIGH OPINION" OF MOBUTU'S CAPABILITIES.

7. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCMEAFSA.

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